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Annual Report
2008

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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
For The Year Ending
December 31, 2008**

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CERTIFICATE

Year Ending December 31, 2008

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A True Copy Attest:

James Eich

James Eich , Chairman

Albert A. Cloutier Jr.

Albert Cloutier, Jr.

James R. Gibson Sr.

James R. Gibson, Sr.

JoAnn Platt

JoAnn Platt, Tax Collector

Susan H. Croteau

Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

Dennis A. Croteau

Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

John M. Pepau Jr.

John M. Pepau, Jr. Trustee

HOURS OF OPERATION

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	Monday	8:00-4:00
	Tuesday	8:00-4:00
	Wednesday	8:00-12:00
	Thursday	8:00-4:00
	Friday	8:00-12:00
SELECTMEN'S MEETING	Wednesday	6:00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Tuesday, Thursday	10:00-3:45
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE	Thursday	9:00-4:00
TRANSFER STATION	Wednesday	12:30-4:30
	Saturday	9:30-4:30
PLANNING BOARD	Fourth Wednesday of Each Month	7:00



TOWN GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	James Eich, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
	Albert Cloutier, Jr.	2010
	James R. Gibson, Sr.	2011
Office Manager	Susan H. Croteau	Appointed
Town Clerk	Susan H. Croteau	2009
Deputy Town Clerk	Romy J. Curtis	Appointed
Tax Collector:	JoAnn Platt	Appointed
Deputy Tax Collector	Patricia Cross	Appointed
Treasurer	Dennis A Croteau	2011
Road Agent	Maurice Hibbard	2009
Constable	William L. Joyce	2009
Town Moderator	William L. Joyce	2009
Transfer Station Manager	George S. Bennett	Appointed

Supervisors of the Checklist	Nancy K. Spaulding	2009
	Judith, Wentworth, Chairperson	2010
	Deborah K.N. Joyce	2011
Fire Department	Barry Wentworth, Fire Chief	2011
	Ronald Lunn, 1st Assistant	2010
	Travis Wentworth, 2nd Assistant	2009
Trustee of Trust Funds	John M. Pepau, Jr.	2010
Library Trustee	Danforth Peel	2010
Cemetery Trustee	Danforth Peel	2010
Emergency Management	Board of Selectmen	
Planning Board	James R.Gibson, Jr.-Chairman	2010
	James R. Gibson, Sr.	2010
	Susan H. Croteau	2009
	Philip E. Stearns, Jr.	2009
School Board Members	Michelle Randall-Chairperson	2009
	Thomas Bushey	2010
	Danforth Peel	2011
School Clerk/Treasurer	Susan H. Croteau	2009
School Moderator	William L. Joyce	2009

TOWN OF STARK, NH
Town Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Moderator William Joyce declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all citizens present. A moment of silence was observed for all citizens who passed away in 2007.

William made citizens aware that this is the last meeting for Selectman Everett Frizzell. William personally thanked Everett for his 21 years of service. James Eich commented that it has been wonderful to serve on the Board with Everett and his "fiscally conservative" ways will be missed.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant was made by James Eich. Second: Everett R. Frizzell.

ARTICLE # 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on while the polls are open.)

ARTICLE # 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 152,000 for General Government: (Recommended by the Selectmen) Motion to move made by James Eich. Second: Everett R. Frizzell.

ARTICLE # 2 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,525 for Public Safety. (Recommended by the Selectmen) Motion to move made by James Eich. Second: Everett R. Frizzell.

ARTICLE # 3 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 187,150 for Highways & Streets.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) Motion to move made by Everett Frizzell. Second: James Eich.

Motion to amend ARTICLE # 4 made by Albert Cloutier, Jr. Second: James Eich.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 192,150 for Highways & Streets. Motion to move made by James Eich. Second: Everett R. Frizzell.

Albert Cloutier Jr. stated that the reason for the \$ 5,000 increase was due to the rising costs of fuel and oil prices and also the quote given for paving the Percy Road in 2008 was a quote given in October 2007.

Tom Bushey commented that he feels not enough salt is being used to treat the roads and feels that the Emerson Road is very dangerous. Everett R. Frizzell stated that the Road Agent works alone and feels if residents drive the roads slower there should be no problems.

General discussion follows on how the Road Agent is not always reachable. Georgia Caron suggested that the Town purchase a cell phone with a repeater that would give the Road Agent phone service almost everywhere in Town. Board of Selectmen explained that the Road Agent is currently able to be contacted by radio if the need be.

AMENDED ARTICLE # 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 69,400 for Sanitation: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by Albert Cloutier, Jr. Second: James Eich.

Shawn Donahue suggested that the Board consider putting in toilet facilities for the Transfer Station.

William Joyce commended George Bennett on the cleanliness and organization of the Transfer Station.

ARTICLE # 5 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,635 for Health. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: James Eich.

ARTICLE # 6 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500 for Direct Assistance.

Motion to move made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: Albert Cloutier, Jr.

ARTICLE # 7 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000 for Culture & Recreation: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: James Eich.

Shawn Donahue asked if the library is being used and what the hours were. Everett R. Frizzell recommended that Mr. Donahue contact the Library Trustees for answers to the questions.

ARTICLE # 8 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

A fifteen minute recess was declared by Moderator Joyce. Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 10: 30 a.m. by Moderator Joyce.

ARTICLE # 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$ 25,500 for Debt Services: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by James Eich. Second: Albert Cloutier, Jr.

ARTICLE # 9 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 18,700 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: James Eich.

Wayne Montgomery questioned if enough money was being put into these accounts to cover any costs incurred if new equipment was to be purchased. Albert Cloutier, Jr. explained that smaller amounts were being placed in the accounts this year to keep amounts raised down which will also keep taxes down.

ARTICLE # 10 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 150,000 for the purpose of constructing a sand/salt storage shed. Said funds to come from 12-31-07 Unreserved Fund Balance: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: Albert Cloutier, Jr.

All questions, comments, and concerns from several citizens were addressed.

ARTICLE # 11 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 12: To see if the Town will vote to increase income limits for Elderly Exemptions from \$13,400 to \$ 17,400 for single persons and \$20,400 to \$ 24,400 for married persons. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to move made by James Eich. Second: Albert Cloutier, Jr.

ARTICLE # 12 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE # 13: To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented. (Not recommended by the Selectmen)
Motion to move made by John Pepau, Sr. Second: Lillian Landry.

Everett Frizzell discouraged votes approving this article with the explanation that the Town has to make up the 5% discount that is offered. Everett stated that the Town offers this as "an incentive" for residents to pay early to bring money into the general fund so the Town doesn't have to borrow money to operate.

Comments were addressed by citizens present.

ARTICLE # 13 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE # 14: To transact any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

Shawn Donahue had current use questions which were answered by the Board of Selectmen. Shawn also asked if trash receptacles could be placed up to Christine Lake in hopes that persons using the Lake for recreation would utilize them. Board explained to Shawn the Christine Lake is not owned by the Town of Stark.

Deborah Joyce asked if plans were in the works to rehabilitate the Covered Bridge. James Eich explained that the Covered Bridge is currently on the "red list" with the State of NH. The bridge is inspected yearly by the State and by 2011 a decision must be made about the plans to rehab the bridge.

William Joyce encouraged people to do good things in town, such as road side trash pick up. Bill stated that "people are aware of good things being done in Town".

James Eich recognized Deborah and William Joyce for the nice job they do with keeping the flowers under the town signs and keeping things looking tidy.

Everett Frizzell commented on his years of service and stated that it has been a "good combination" of Selectmen for many years

and there have been “very little problems”. Everett also stated that a difference in personalities make things work. Everett received a standing ovation in appreciation of his dedication to the Town of Stark for 21 years.

Motion to adjourn made by Frank Platt. Second: Christopher Joyce

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Absentee Ballots were placed in the ballot box at 5:30 p.m.

Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

Ballots were tabulated with the following results.

TOWN RESULTS

Selectperson (3 years)	James R. Gibson, Sr.
Road Agent (1 year)	Maurice Hibbard
Constable (1 year)	William L. Joyce
Treasurer (3 years)	Dennis A. Croteau
Cemetery Trustee (2 years)	Danforth L. Peel
Library Trustee (2 years)	Danforth L. Peel
Moderator (3 years)	William L. Joyce
Sexton (1 year)	Dennis A. Croteau
Planning Board (2 years)	James R. Gibson, Jr.
Planning Board (1year)	Danforth L. Peel

SCHOOL RESULTS

School Board Member (3 years)	Danforth L. Peel
School Moderator (1 year)	William L. Joyce
School Clerk (1 year)	Susan H. Croteau
School Treasurer (1 year)	Susan H. Croteau

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Susan H. Croteau
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS REPORT

BIRTHS

Name	Date	Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Jordyn Kelly Wentworth	01/11/08	Lancaster, NH	Colin Wentworth	Carrie Wentworth
Rylee Elizabeth Whitman	03/26/08	Lancaster, NH		Angela King
Sophia Hope Bell	05/02/08	Littleton, NH	Russell Bell	Kendra Bell
Cameron Emery Holmes	08/03/08	Berlin, NH		Tina Holmes
Jayden Travis Supernois	12/05/08	Berlin, NH	Dustin Supernois	Kayleigh Riff

DEATHS

Name	Date	Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jordyn Kelly Wentworth	01/11/08	Lancaster, NH	Colin Wentworth	Carrie Bouchard
Lillian Gilman	01/22/08	Stark, NH	Josiah Annis	Mildred Isham
William J. Cowie	08/26/08	Wilmington, NY	Edward Cowie	Elaine Mattos
Gerald Hanson	09/25/08	Dover, NH	Charles Hanson	Esther Boley
William Hedberg	12/22/08	Crystal, NH	Theodore Hedberg	Ruth Westland

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Susan H. Croteau
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk

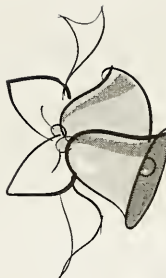
VITAL RECORDS REPORT

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Place of Marriage
6/7/2008	Matthew T. Eich	Stark, NH	Heather E. Andritz	Stark, NH	Stark, NH
7/12/2008	Keith W. Clouatre	Stark, NH	Danielle Service	Stark, NH	Lancaster, NH
8/23/2008	Jamie K. Hand	Stark, NH	Monique A. Brassard	Stark, NH	Stark, NH
8/23/2008	William D. Guinn	Stark, NH	Sarah L. Savage	Stark, NH	Stark, NH
12/3/2008	Matthew J. Ball	Stark, NH	Lindsay M. Rexford	Stark, NH	Northumberland, NH

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Susan H. Croteau
Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Town of Stark, in spite of the state of the economy, managed to have a fiscally good year in 2008. The closing of Wausau Papers affected 22 families in Stark, compared to a much larger number of families affected in surrounding towns.

Many budgets for 2008 stayed within appropriated amounts. Those over expended were due to unforeseen expenses that are hard to predict at budget time. Another fiscally conservative year resulted in us returning \$ 16,109.41 to the Unreserved Fund Balance.

We now have compilation of the Town records done by Crane & Bell Auditors on a quarterly basis, which makes things much easier for closing out at the end of the year, with costs being more cost effective than one large audit at the end of the year. During quarterly compilations, Sue is able to receive training to keep financial records running smoothly and error free.

The 20% yearly revaluation of property was completed in 2008. In 2009, an update will be done to bring all values up to market value making everyone paying an equally fair share of property taxes. This update should be complete by July 1, 2009.

Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC) from St. Johnsbury Vermont met with us in early spring about the possibility of Broadband internet coming through town. The latest we have heard is that they are currently putting the link in place that will allow them to bring the signal over from Groveton. It has been longer than originally expected due to engineering issues and legal issues that are now resolved and waiting for signatures.

How nice it will be for residents to have the option of high speed internet!

As appropriated at the 2008 Town Meeting, \$ 150,000 was voted on to construct a sand/salt shed at the town garage. The bid was awarded to John Pike Builders of Groveton; construction began in early September and was completed by mid October. Final project costs came to \$ 126,935.65 with \$ 23,064.35 being returned to the Unreserved Fund Balance. The building is a nice addition to the town garage and residents are encouraged to stop in and see what a nice building this really is.

Other highway projects this year included the paving and sealing of the Percy Road. This will complete the reconstruction of this portion of the Percy Road. Due to budget restraints, we will be decreasing the reconstruction budget for 2009 by \$ 30,000, making the total budget for reconstruction \$ 70,000. Plans are to do some road work on smaller roads in town that are in need of minor repair. The Town will be contracting out for sweeping of the roads due to our sweeper being in need of major repairs/replacement.

Wayne Montgomery has been added as an employee to the Highway Department. Mr. Montgomery will be used as a second driver to help Maurice with large winter snow storms that require too many hours for one man to work. This is a welcome addition by Maurice as well!

Two large trees were removed from behind the library and the roof has been replaced. This work was done by B's Building & Repair from Groveton and Davis Tree Experts from Milan.

Franklin Platt resigned his position as the Emergency Management Director in April. A replacement has not yet been

named. We are acting as the interim directors until someone is named. Anyone interested in this position is urged to contact the Selectmen's Office.

We were approached by the Gilkey Mason Lodge about using the Town Hall for monthly meetings. The Board as a whole, agreed to allow the Lodge to use it. Things will be looked at again in a year to decide if this will remain a permanent meeting place or not.

All in all we had a smooth year with the transition of a new Selectman coming on board. We are fortunate to have good working relationships with all employees which make our town "unique". To all employees, we thank you for your dedication and hard work to make our town run smoothly and trouble free.

We encourage residents to attend our weekly Selectmen's Meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with any questions, comments or concerns you may have about your Town.

Board of Selectmen

James Eich, Chairman
Albert Cloutier, Jr.
James R. Gibson, Sr.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 2008

DEPARTMENT	BUDGETED AMT. SPENT		VARIANCE
Executive	35,400	36,157.82	-757.82
Election & Registration	15,300	15,522.94	-222.94
Financial Administration	22,000	18,244.03	3,755.97
Revaluation	13,500	10,603.11	2,896.89
Legal	2,000	62.00	1,938.00
Personnel Administration	15,000	15,297.24	-297.24
Planning & Zoning	500	461.02	38.98
General Government Building	11,350	9,567.46	1,782.54
Cemeteries	5,700	5,004.91	695.09
Insurance	29,250	28,301.14	948.86
Advertising & Regional Assoc	2,000	1,657.04	342.96
Police	8,250	6,252.81	1,997.19
Ambulance	6,000	5,676.00	324.00
Fire Department	15,200	16,110.81	-910.81
Emergency Management	500	499.55	0.45
Other Safety	575	275.00	300.00
Highways	342,150	323,898.65	18,251.35
Solid Waste	41,400	42,951.63	-1,551.63
Solid Waste Clean-Up	28,000	26,088.30	1,911.70
Health Agencies	2,950	2,950.00	0.00
Other Health	2,685	2,685.00	0.00
Welfare	3,500	1,139.13	2,360.87
Library	1,000	1,000.00	0.00
Patriotic	2,000	1,678.15	321.85
Principal-Long Term Bonds	15,000	15,000.00	0.00
Interest-Long Term Bonds	6,500	5,452.50	1,047.50
Interest on T.A.N.	4,000	0.00	4,000.00
Capital Reserves	18,200	18,200.00	0.00
Transfers to Trust	500	500.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$650,410	\$611,236.24	\$39,173.76

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2008

TOWN :

Total appropriations:	650,410	
Less: Revenues	(428,856)	
Shared Revenues	(1,340)	
Add: Overlay	45,037	
War Service Credits	10,150	
Net Town Appropriations		275,401

TOWN TAX RATE: **4.37**

LOCAL SCHOOL:

Net Local School Budget	856,688	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(352,209)	
State Education Taxes	(109,813)	
Approved School Tax Effort		394,666

LOCAL SCHOOL TAX RATE: **6.26**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES:

Equalized Valuation	51,314,646	
(no utilities)	x 2.14	
		109,813
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation		
(no utilites)	50,414,112	

STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE: **2.18**

COUNTY TAXES:

Due to County	262,097	
Less: Shared Revenues	(887)	
		261,210

COUNTY TAX RATE: **4.14**

TAX RATE 2008: **\$16.95**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,041,090
Less: War Service Credits	(10,150)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	1,030,940

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES
ASSESSED**
Fiscal Year 2008

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Government:

Executive	35,400
Election & Registration	15,300
Financial Administration	22,000
Revaluation of Property	13,500
Legal	2,000
Personnel Administration	15,000
Planning & Zoning	500
Government Buildings	11,350
Cemeteries	5,700
Insurance	29,250
Regional Associations	2,000

Public Safety:

Police	8,250
Ambulance	6,000
Fire Department	15,200
Emergency Management	500
Other Health & Safety	6,210

Highways & Streets:	192,150
Sand/Salt Shed	150,000

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	41,400
Solid Waste Clean-Up	28,000

Welfare:

Direct Assistance	3,500
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Culture & Recreation:

Library	1,000
Patriotic	2,000

Debt Service:

Principal-Bonds & Notes	15,000
Interest-Bonds & Notes	10,500

Operating Transfers Out:

Backhoe	2,000
Bridge	8,000
Compactor	1,000
Dump Closure	100
Fire Department Building	100
Fire Department Equipment	2,000
Town Truck	5,000

Transfers To Trust:

Discount	500
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$650,410
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Control Shed	19,200
Contents	47,000
Heritage Center	367,033
Contents	10,000
Public Library	25,746
Contents	23,738
Pump House	26,236
Contents	29,500
Town Garage	296,624
Contents	59,592
Equipment	221,659
Town Hall	476,632
Contents	72,269
Transfer Station	68,806
Equipment	47,000
Fire Department	530,850
Contents	175,000
Equipment	480,156
Covered Bridge	485,000
Police Equipment	3,805
Park Statue	3,100
TOTAL	\$3,468,946

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION MS-1 FORM

VALUE OF LAND

Current Use-11,077.26 acres	794,412
Residential-1,224.486 acres	18,408,300
Commercial/Industrial-247.200 acres	<u>1,064,600</u>
	\$20,267,312

VALUE OF BUILDINGS

Residential	27,772,500
Manufactured Housing	1,425,400
Commercial/Industrial	<u>1,083,900</u>
	\$30,281,800

UTILITIES

Portland Natural Gas	11,526,600
Public Service Co of NH	<u>1,105,100</u>
	\$12,631,700

TOTAL VALUATION	\$63,180,812
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Blind Exemptions (3)	-45,000
Elderly Exemptions (6)	-90,000
	\$135,000

NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES	\$50,414,112
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REVENUE:

Taxes:

Land Use Change Tax	2,500
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	26,896
Yield Taxes	4,500
Interest & Penalties	15,000
Excavation Tax	2,200

Licenses, Permits & Fees:

Business Licenses & Permits	300
Motor Vehicle Permits	70,000
Other Permits, Licenses & Fees	1,500

State Sources:

Shared Revenues	3,369
Rooms & Meals	23,250
Highway Block Grant	45,851
Railroad Tax & Grants	5,490

Income from Departments:

Miscellaneous Revenue	5,500
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Voted from Fund Balance:	150,000
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Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes:	70,000
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Interest on Investments:	2,500
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TOTAL REVENUES ESTIMATED	\$428,856
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SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 2008

REVENUES

Tax Collector	1,027,958.43
Town Clerk	80,862.08
State-Federal Government	126,523.83
Local Sources	20,599.86
Capital Reserves	545.00
TOTAL REVENUES-2008	\$1,256,489.20

EXPENDITURES

General	
Government	140,878.71
Public Safety	28,814.17
Highways & Streets	323,898.65
Solid Waste	69,039.93
Health Agencies	5,635.00
Welfare	1,139.13
Culture - Recreation	2,678.15
Debt Service	20,452.50
Transfer To Captial Reserves	18,200.00
Transfer to Trust	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-2008	\$611,236.24

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Tax Collector:

Property Tax	996,620.22
Land Use Change Tax	5,960.00
Yield Tax	11,105.70
Gravel Tax	2,130.32
Interest & Penalties	12,142.19
	\$1,027,958.43

Town

Clerk:

Filing Fees	31.00
Uniform Commercial Codes	120.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	77,361.08
Municipal Agent Fees	2,023.00
Vital Records	231.00
Dog Licenses	1,096.00
	\$80,862.08

State & Federal Government:

Shared Revenue Block Grant	4,709.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	23,249.75
Highway Block Grant	50,214.03
State & Federal Forest	42,860.70
Railroad Tax	5,490.35
	\$126,523.83

Local Sources:

Income from Departments	750.18
Refuse	3,896.30
Sale of Municipal Property	280.00
Rent of Town Property	100.00
Interest on Investments	4,683.87
Insurance Dividends	7,821.21
Fines & Forfeitures	410.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,658.30
Transfers from Capital Reserves	545.00
	\$21,144.86

TOTAL REVENUES-2008	\$1,256,489.20
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2008

4130-Executive

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	1,700.00
Expenses	343.40
Avast Anti-Virus	79.90
Brown's River Bindery	200.00
Dell Business Credit	164.99
Everett R. Frizzell	283.34
Expenses	94.80
Fairpoint Communications	1,001.85
Groveton Postmaster	680.18
Intuit	199.00
James Eich	1,700.00
Expenses	100.75
James R. Gibson, Sr.	1,416.70
Expenses	218.57
Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	346.33
Local Government Center	91.00
Lyndonville Office Equipment, Inc.	3,536.42
NEBS	278.28
NH Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Electrical Cooperative	959.40
NH Government Finance Officers Association	25.00
NH Local Welfare Administration Association	30.00
NH Municipal Association	578.68
Pitney Bowes	629.78
Poster Compliance Center	69.99
Real Data Corporation	20.00
Susan H. Croteau	21,000.56

	Expenses	53.30
Verizon		335.60
TOTAL EXECUTIVE		\$36,157.82

4140-Election, Registration,Vitals

Albert J. Cloutier, Jr.	70.00
Bank Supplies	324.82
Cecile Eich	42.99
Deborah K.N. Joyce	452.50
Department of Agriculture	345.00
Emerson & Son, Inc.	84.57
Everett R. Frizzell	70.00
Identification Source	94.11
James Eich	275.00
James R. Gibson, Sr.	140.00
John Pepau, Sr.	135.00
Judith R. Gibson	275.00
Judith Wentworth	520.00
Nancy K. Spaulding	382.50
NE Association of City & Town Clerks	25.00
Penton Media	269.95
Romy Curtis	2,982.89
Smith & Town Printers	1,600.00
Staples	31.98
Susan H. Croteau	6,345.71

	Expenses	532.92
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		178.00
William Joyce		345.00
TOTAL ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS		\$15,522.94

4150-Financial Administration

Attitash Grand Summit	448.00
Crane & Bell	7,475.00
Dennis A. Croteau	1,962.50
Expenses	377.24
Groveton Postmaster	420.00
Jo Ann N. Platt	6,535.36
Expenses	562.11
John M. Pepau, Jr.	150.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	100.00
Northway Bank	31.00
Registry of Deeds	182.82
TOTAL-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$18,244.03

4152-Revaluation

Avitar Associates of NE, Inc.	9,528.11
Cartographic Associates, Inc.	1,075.00
TOTAL-REVALUATION	\$10,603.11

4153-Legal

Michael M. Ransmeier	62.00
TOTAL-REVALUATION	\$62.00

4155-Personnel

WT/Medi	8,885.14
Retirement	6,289.44
Unemployment	122.66
TOTAL-PERSONNEL	\$15,297.24

4191-Planning

Granite State Stamps, Inc.	10.50
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Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	227.80
NH Department of Revenue Administration	30.00
Susan H. Croteau	72.72
North Country Council	120.00
TOTAL-PLANNING	\$461.02

4194-General Government Buildings

B's Building & Remodeling	428.00
Community Co-Op Oil	5,168.35
Dennis A. Croteau	373.29
Emerson & Son Inc.	5.90
Lyndonville Office Equipment, Inc.	1,171.43
Public Service Company of NH	1,534.02
Rexford Septic Services	200.00
Susan H. Croteau	468.70
Ultramar Energy Inc.	217.77

TOTAL-GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

4195-Cemeteries

Bond Auto Parts, Inc.	90.89
Dennis A. Croteau	965.65
Stone Cleaning**	545.00
Expenses	299.92
Dereck M. Croteau	1,097.20
F.B.Spaulding	263.25
Joshua K. Curtis	128.70
Martha L. Eich	744.90
Martin's Agway	275.35
Percy Peaks Petroleum	59.51
Perras Ace Inc.	23.56
Susan H. Croteau	25.00
Yesterdays Country Store, LLC	395.28

Zachary A. Colby	635.70
**=Captial Reserve Withdrawal	(545.00)
TOTAL-CEMETERIES	\$5,004.91

4196-Insurance

LGC-HealthTrust	14,549.08
LGC-Property Liability**	10,648.75
LGC-Worker's Compensation	3,329.52
Offset-Stark Heritage Center	-226.21
TOTAL-INSURANCE	\$28,301.14

4197-Advertising & Regional Assoc.

Great North Woods Journal	279.50
Jordan Associates	80.00
North Country Council	526.54
Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce	250.00
Salmon Press, LLC	521.00
TOTAL-ADVERTISING& REGIONAL	\$1,657.04

4210-Police

Bruce Oakes	17.02
Expenses	25.25
Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc.	86.13
State of NH-Department of Safety	20.00
Town of Lancaster-Police Department	300.00
William L. Joyce	5,202.00
Expenses	512.41
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	90.00
TOTAL-POLICE	\$6,252.81

4215-Ambulance

Groveton Ambulance Services

5,676.00

TOTAL-AMBULANCE**\$5,676.00****4220-Fire Department**

Anthony Haney

65.25

Barry Wentworth

453.26

Expenses

77.61

Bond Auto Parts, Inc.

151.03

Business Radio Licensing

405.00

Capital Alarm Systems

199.00

Citgo

93.26

Clark Wentworth

132.00

Colin K. Wentworth

145.00

Community Co-Op Oil

4,256.24

Dean A. Demers

61.88

Emerson & Son, Inc.

17.95

Fairpoint Communications

284.40

Fire Tech & Safety

385.00

Galeton Gloves

198.69

George S. Lamphere

107.25

Glenn's Service Center

275.00

Grant Fountain

79.75

Grenier Heating Service

80.00

James R. Gibson, Sr.

29.00

James A. Hickey, Jr.

173.26

John M. Pepau, Jr.

247.51

Expenses

86.82

K & T Environmental Equipment, Inc. **

8,595.00

Kelly's Auto Parts, Inc.

10.98

Lancaster Fire Department

130.69

Lyndonville Office Equipment	149.99
Maurice Hibbard	28.50
McDevitt Trucks	405.14
Napa Auto Parts	33.95
New Hampshire Retirement System	102.00
NFIRS Online	150.00
Northern NH Fire Mutual Aid Pact	350.00
North Country Internet Access	163.20
Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc.	769.24
Public Service Company of NH	1,591.72
Robert Anderson-Chapman	58.00
Ronald A. Lunn	64.75
Ronald C. Boivin	206.25
Shane Cloutier	72.50
State of NH-Criminal Records	30.00
Stephan Gilman	221.13
Town of Lancaster	250.00
Travis L. Wentworth	142.00
Treasurer-State of NH	703.00
Tri-State Fire Protection	90.00
Verizon	93.37
Weeks Medical Center	90.00
Yesterdays Country Store, LLC	1,200.24
**= Offset of \$ 7,595.00 Insurance Payment	-7,595.00
TOTAL-FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$16,110.81

4290-Emergency Management

Franklin Platt	194.75
Susan Croteau	304.80
TOTAL-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$499.55

4299 –Other Safety

Lancaster Juvenile Diversion Program	275.00
TOTAL-OTHER SAFETY	\$275.00

4312-Highways

All States Asphalt, Inc.	74,748.23
Barrett Trucking Company, Inc.	1,740.04
Berlin Spring, Inc.	53.17
Bond Auto Parts, Inc	1,854.63
Central Asphalt	12,900.00
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	44,408.46
Community Co-Op Oil	5,521.19
Coos Farm	1,740.00
Dennis Croteau	195.00
D & S Auto	100.00
Emerson & Son Inc.	335.94
Exit 41 Rental Center	1,940.00
Fairpoint Communications	378.21
F.B.Spaulding Company	298.00
James R. Gibson, Sr.	2,165.00
John Pepau, Jr.	75.00
John Pike Builders	86,390.00
Kelley's Auto Supply, Inc.	39.10
Labonville Inc.	90.00
LRG Healthcare	47.00
Marcel's Etc., LLC	2,095.00
Maurice Hibbard	41,006.21
McDevitt Trucks, Inc.	2,197.42
Merriam Graves Corporation	156.00
New England Barricade	166.02
Northern Tire	2,356.00
Noyes Heating LLC	180.00

Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc.	34.96
Perras Ace Inc.	195.00
Pike Industries, Inc.	396.06
Public Service Company of NH	1,124.37
Ron's Electric	171.15
Solutions	4,434.50
Southworth-Milton, Inc.	25.50
Stratham Tire, Inc.	955.00
Swallow & Sons Concrete	18,957.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	14,219.14
Verizon	122.54
Wayne Montgomery	60.00
We Fix Trucks	27.81
TOTAL -HIGHWAYS	\$323,898.65

4324-Solid Waste

A.V.R.R.D.D.	1,818.13
A.V.R.R.D.D.-Mt. Carberry Landfill	10,336.09
Bond Auto Parts, Inc.	57.80
Dennis Boivin	720.00
Dennis Croteau	43.97
Emerson & Son, Inc.	150.90
Fairpoint Communications	447.95
George Bennett	10,774.48
Expenses	584.73
James R. Gibson, Sr.	962.50
Leavitt & Boucher Equipment, LLC	6,465.70
Martin's Agway	40.99
Maurice Hibbard	1,380.30
Normandeau Trucking, Inc.	5,227.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	537.66
Public Service Company of NH	859.32

Robert Barron	2,236.27
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	157.98
Verizon	149.86

\$42,951.63

4325-Solid Waste Clean-Up

Eastern Analytical, Inc.	1,152.00
Horizons Engineering, PLLC	2,091.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	22,845.30

TOTAL-SOLID WASTE CLEAN UP

\$26,088.30

4415-Health Agencies

Jo Ann Platt	75.00
Northern Human Services	125.00
Weeks Home Health Services	2,750.00

TOTAL-HEALTH AGENCIES

\$2,950.00

4419-Other Health

American Red Cross	235.00
Community Action Program, Inc.	800.00
G.H.S.-Chem Free	500.00
North Country Elder Program-CAP	450.00
Senior Fellowship	700.00

TOTAL-OTHER HEALTH

\$2,685.00

4442-Welfare

Barbara Fysh	400.00
Fairpoint Communications	65.00
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	274.13
Richard & Christina Turcotte	400.00

TOTAL-WELFARE

\$1,139.13

4550-Library

B's Building & Repair	500.00
Stark Public Library	500.00
TOTAL-LIBRARY	\$1,000.00

4583-Patriotic

Dereck M. Croteau	1,925.00
Diana Gibson	44.10
Green Earth Nursery	169.15
James R. Gibson, Sr.	30.00
North Country Flag	169.00
Offset- Heritage Center Account	-659.10
TOTAL-PATRIOTIC	\$1,678.15

4711-Principal Long Term Bonds

Flagship Bank and Trust Company	15,000.00
TOTAL-PRINCIPAL LONG TERM BONDS	25,000.00
	\$15,000.00

4721-Interest Long Term Bonds

Flagship Bank and Trust Company	5,452.50
TOTAL-INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS	\$5,452.50

4915-Capital Reserves

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	18,200.00
TOTAL-CAPITAL RESERVES	\$18,200.00

4916-Transfers To Trust

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	500.00
TOTAL-TRANSFERS TO TRUST	\$500.00

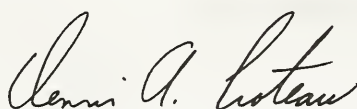
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-2008	\$611,236.24
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TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Beginning Balance	379,549.39
Receipts to Treasurer	<u>1,258,316.92</u>
	1,637,866.31
Less Payments	<u>1,336,026.79</u>
	301,839.52
Accrued Interest	<u>2,844.38</u>
	304,683.90
Other Debits	<u>133.81</u>
	304,817.71
Other Credits	<u>3,019.40</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-08	\$301,798.31

Balance on Statement 12-31-08	320,446.69
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>50,093.45</u>
	270,353.24
Deposits Outstanding	<u>31,445.07</u>
Beginning Balance 01-01-09	\$301,798.31



Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

**TREASURER'S YEARLY REPORT
NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL**

Year Ending December 31, 2008

ACCOUNT: STARK

Beginning Balance 1-1-08	106,062.07
Interest	2,607.29

BALANCE 12-31-07 **\$108,669.36**

ACCOUNT: BRIDGE BOND

Beginning Balance 1-1-08	165.56
Interest	4.12

BALANCE 12-31-08 **\$169.68**



Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

STARK HERITAGE CENTER

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Balance 1-1-08	22,560.32
Interest-Northway Bank	152.94
Interest-NH Charitable Foundation	<u>13,709.32</u>
	36,422.58
Less Payments	<u>12,301.64</u>
	24,120.94
Less Bank Fees	<u>16.35</u>
Balance 12-31-08	\$24,104.59

STARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Year Ending December 31, 2008

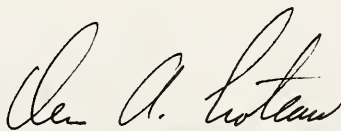
Balance 1-1-08	2,239.17
Deposit-2008 Appropriation	<u>500.00</u>
	2,739.17
Less Payments:	
B's Building & Remodeling	928.00
Judith Hildreth	200.00
Balance 12-31-08	\$1,611.17



Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

STARK HERITAGE CENTER
DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2008

Abbott's Furniture	599.25
Bradley Ball	80.34
B's Building & Remodeling	2,832.94
Community Co-Op Oil	3,502.91
Dereck Croteau	175.00
Emerson & Sons	12.42
Everett R. Frizzell	389.94
Fairpoint Communications	295.87
Lyndonville Office	
Equipment	372.64
Madeleine Croteau	2,460.00
Martin's Agway	63.98
Perras Ace	139.99
Public Service Co of NH	314.81
Susan Croteau	100.00
Town of Stark	885.31
Verizon	76.24
TOTAL EXPENSES-2008	\$12,301.64



Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Date of Creation	Name of Trust	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total End Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Withdrawals	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Balance End of Year			
12/12/1965	Albert Emery	200.00	200.00	0.00	155.63	8.49	164.12	0.00	164.12	364.12
1/12/1955	Seth Cole	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,111.71	51.68	1,013.39	150.00	1,013.39	2,013.39
3/22/1921	Charles Emery	46.13	46.13	0.00	22.59	1.17	23.76	0.00	23.76	69.89
8/10/1959	Maude Sanderson	200.00	200.00	0.00	128.28	7.81	136.09	0.00	136.09	336.09
4/19/1978	Louis Pike	200.00	200.00	0.00	390.07	14.85	354.92	50.00	354.92	554.92
2/23/1949	Lois A. Fiske	100.00	100.00	0.00	117.89	5.30	123.19	0.00	123.19	223.19
5/18/1921	George M. Smith	100.00	100.00	0.00	20.39	3.16	23.55	0.00	23.55	123.55
9/17/1946	Stella A. Lunn Cole	200.00	200.00	0.00	38.43	5.97	19.40	25.00	19.40	219.40
3/17/1934	Solomon D. Cole	50.00	50.00	0.00	26.46	1.67	28.13	0.00	28.13	78.13
5/22/1943	Katherine Holmes	200.00	200.00	0.00	210.87	10.43	146.30	75.00	146.30	346.30
5/22/1943	Eldon Cole	300.00	300.00	0.00	80.16	9.09	64.25	25.00	64.25	364.25
2/14/1959	Sara M. Kammerling	1,054.50	1,054.50	0.00	1,251.78	56.61	1,308.39	0.00	1,308.39	2,362.89
12/11/1953	Maude S. Kammerling	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	868.93	45.98	764.91	150.00	764.91	1,764.91
10/10/1966	Eldora A. Pike	250.00	250.00	0.00	66.54	7.51	49.05	25.00	49.05	299.05
10/10/1966	Kate L. Osgood	250.00	250.00	0.00	102.51	8.40	110.91	0.00	110.91	360.91
12/19/1963	Amos & Jennie Emery	100.00	100.00	0.00	82.31	4.44	86.75	0.00	86.75	186.75
6/19/1971	Alfred L. Smith	250.00	250.00	0.00	80.31	7.87	68.18	20.00	68.18	318.18
11/17/1971	Riley S. Lunn	200.00	200.00	0.00	104.27	7.50	111.77	0.00	111.77	311.77
9/9/1964	Sereno P. Farwell	100.00	100.00	0.00	30.11	3.26	33.37	0.00	33.37	133.37
8/22/1983	Manetti Montgomery	500.00	500.00	0.00	311.35	20.00	306.35	25.00	306.35	806.35
12/23/1987	Robert & Ruby Rolfe	320.25	320.25	0.00	204.53	12.88	217.41	0.00	217.41	537.66
Totals		\$6,620.88	\$6,620.88	\$0.00	\$ 5,405.12	\$ 294.07	\$ 5,154.19	\$545.00	\$ 5,154.19	\$ 11,775.07

John M. Pepau, Jr.
 John M. Pepau, Jr.
 Trustee of Trust Funds

REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVES

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Date of	Where	Balance	New Funds	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance
Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Invested	Created	Earned		
9-12-95	Bridge Account	NHPDIP	8,000	1,258.70	0.00	60,250.31
9-12-95	Dump Account	NHPDIP	100	51.44	0.00	2,242.95
9-12-95	Revaluation Account	NHPDIP	0	10.73	0.00	448.99
12-11-96	Backhoe Account	NHPDIP	2,000	396.55	0.00	18,474.63
12-11-96	Compactor Account	NHPDIP	1,000	314.19	0.00	14,069.57
12-18-96	Trust Discount Fund	NHPDIP	500	287.79	0.00	12,476.91
12-18-96	Town Truck Fund	NHPDIP	5,000	624.70	0.00	30,901.24
12-18-96	Fire Dept. Equipment	NHPDIP	2,000	28.27	0.00	3,124.15
12-18-96	Fire Dept. Building	NHPDIP	100	86.83	0.00	3,714.91
12-26-03	Fire Dept. Expendable	NHPDIP	0	118.12	0.00	4,922.08
12-03-04	Paris Road Crossing	NHPDIP	0	27.31	0.00	1,136.31
11-12-02	Education Handicapped	NHPDIP	0	2,695.17	0.00	112,329.24
09-05-02	School Building	Northway Bank	21,700	295.63	0.00	32,510.51
10-12-06	Fire Truck Fund	NHPDIP	0.00	2.83	0.00	102.33
Totals			40,400	6,198.26	\$ 0.00	296,704.13

John M. Pepau, Jr.

John M. Pepau, Jr.

Trustee of Trust Funds

TOWN CLERK FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2008

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Filing Fees	31.00
Uniform Commercial Codes	120.00
TOTAL	\$151.00

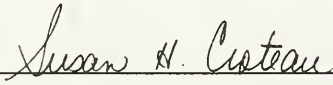
AUTOMOBILE PERMITS ISSUED:

Permits	77,144.58
Municipal Agent Fees	2,023.00
Title Fees	216.50
TOTAL	\$79,384.08

OTHER LICENSES:

Dog Licenses & Penalties	1,096.00
Vital Records	231.00
TOTAL	\$1,327.00

REMITTED TO TREASURER-2008	\$80,862.08
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Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk/Municipal Clerk

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office saw a decrease in revenue this year due to a drop in the number of vehicles registered by residents; 763 vehicles along with 9 boats were registered with 93 title applications processed. Revenue generated \$ 2,240.00 from Municipal Clerk Fees and title application fees, in addition to \$ 77,144.58 in registration fees. All revenue collected was placed in the general fund.

The Annual Rabies Clinic was held again this year with a slightly smaller turnout than last year; 166 dogs were registered last year generating revenue of \$ 1,327.00 also being deposited into the general fund. No fines were issued for unlicensed dogs, which is reflective of residents doing a wonderful job at keeping their dogs licensed. Thank you for your cooperation!

2008 was a big year for elections on the state and local levels. With the experience and dedication of all election officials, all elections went very well.

I will be running for the Town Clerk's position again in 2009 for a 4th term and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support . It is a pleasure to serve you.

Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk
Municipal Agent

DOG LICENSE LAWS

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before April 30th, cause it to be licensed. (RSA 466:1).

Proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian must be presented before a dog license will be issued.

Every dog must wear its license tag. (RSA 466:13).

A \$ 25.00 penalty will be assessed to the dog owner for failure to license any dog.

(RSA 466:13).

License Fees: (RSA 466:4)

\$ 20.00-Group License for up to 10 dogs.

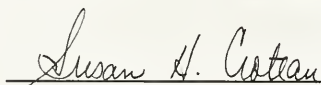
\$ 6.50- Spayed or neutered

\$ 9.00- Male or Female

\$ 2.00- Owners over age 65 (one dog only)

The Town of Stark has an enforced leash law, which states that no dog shall run at large unless the owner accompanies it. (RSA 466:30a).

It is a State law that all cats 3 months of age and over be vaccinated against rabies.



Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk/Municipal Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR 2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 53,357.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 3,426.53	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		(\$ 19.41)			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 3,470.68)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 1,033,459.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 5,960.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 9,332.22	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 2,150.32	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 3,470.68			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 375.74	\$ 4,518.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,051,257.87	\$ 61,302.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2008

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2008	2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	\$ 915,469.16	\$ 34,683.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,960.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 8,470.53	\$ 1,515.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 375.74	\$ 4,518.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 2,130.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,669.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 36,542.22	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 81,447.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 861.69	\$ 791.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$ 19.41)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,051,257.87	\$ 61,302.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.
(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of STARK TAX COLLECTOR Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2007	2006	2005+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 24,255.36	\$ 12,207.40
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,046.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 389.75	\$ 2,799.82	\$ 4,058.03
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,436.22	\$ 27,055.18	\$ 16,265.43

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2007	2006	2005+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 5,120.79	\$ 10,990.57	\$ 11,806.33
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 389.75	\$ 2,799.82	\$ 4,058.03
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,183.56	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.04	\$ 401.07
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,925.68	\$ 11,881.19	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 22,436.22	\$ 27,055.18	\$ 16,265.43

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Jo Ann Platt DATE 1-8-09
Jo Ann Platt

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

In spite of the state of the economy in 2008, it was gratifying to see that most property owners were still able to pay their tax bills. Here's hoping 2009 will be a better year economically for everyone.

I have changed my hours as Tax Collector to make it more convenient for taxpayers. I am now open on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM instead of Wednesdays. These hours coincide with a day when the Town Clerk is also open, enabling taxpayers to do registrations and pay taxes in one trip if they so choose. There are no longer any Wednesday hours for tax collection.

I thought it might be useful for taxpayers to know when various actions take place. I can't give you specific dates because they vary slightly every year.

January – Notices of Delinquent Taxes for the previous year and any prior years are sent by first class mail to all property owners who have unpaid taxes of any type.

March – Notices of Impending Lien are sent via certified mail to all property owners who still have unpaid taxes of any type for the previous year. The cost of this action is added to the amount due for taxes.

April – Lien Execution. Unpaid taxes of any type for the previous year go to lien and are reported to the Registry of Deeds. The cost of this action is added to the amount due for taxes. Thirty days after Lien Execution, the mortgagee is notified in cases where the property owner has a mortgage. The cost of these actions are added to the amount due for taxes.

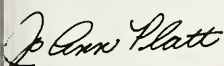
April – Notices of Impending Deed are sent via certified mail to property owners whose taxes have been liened for two years advising them that the town will take their property if the taxes for that lien year are not paid by the date specified in the notice. Mortgagees are also notified at this time if there is a mortgage on the property. The cost of these actions are added to the amount due for taxes.

May – Deed Execution. The town will take the property by Tax Deed if payment is not received by the deeding date for taxes that have been liened for two years

June – Bill 1 of 2 for property tax is mailed.

November – Bill 2 of 2 for property tax is mailed. Occasionally the second bill has been mailed in late October, but November is the norm.

I hope this schedule proves helpful for your annual financial planning. If you ever have a tax related question, please feel free to call me any Thursday.



Jo Ann Platt,
Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Ball, Steven & Linda	1,499.28	
Bartlett, Leslie & Peggy	4,037.36	
Beaton, Randy & Joya	1,838.87	
Beede, Brian & Lynn	2,082.29	
Bennett, George S.	6,118.01	
Bernard, Robert J.	823.65	
Buckland, Lawrence & Janet	2,912.97	*
Calle, Carlo	373.56	
Camara, Dona	832.25	*
Cookie Jar Investments, LLC	993.84	
Cordwell, Eugene & Sarah	14.10	*
Cote, Alice D.	706.85	*
Cottrell, George E & Carolyn	150.03	*
Coulombe, Craig	856.14	
Covill, Richard & Barbara	2,061.62	
Cozy, James S. Jr.	854.87	
Creamer, Syiane & Timothy	229.57	
Cross, Calvin & Patricia	7,665.00	
Croteau, Dennis & Susan	1,815.87	*
Davidson, Matthew & Lisa	506.27	
Dawes, Robert L. & Laura R.	2,301.93	
Delgado, Ramiro & Paula	16.45	
Demers, Ernest	2,553.13	
Demers, Leona	1,147.87	*
Dube, George	640.05	
Farrell, Robert & Leslie	1,366.99	
Fysh, Robert & Barbara	652.47	
Gibson, James & MaryBeth	4,432.63	

Goulet, David G. & Anne M.	1,979.57	*
Green, Richard	685.10	
Guyer, Madeleine	1,548.62	*
Hamel, Diana P.	525.60	*
Hand, Alice	783.07	
Holbrook, Laurence & Samantha	2,465.35	
Hopps, Harry & Maxine	1,255.54	
Jackman, Spencer R. & Penny L.	426.93	
Kelley, Alfred E. & Judith M.	857.92	*
Kenison, Donald G. Jr.	818.79	
Kenney, Steven T. & Karin M.	719.94	
Lamott, George	361.48	
Lehde, Bonnie L.	4,019.47	
Lehoullier, Roger & Sherry	3,249.69	
Loughery, Furn & Sandra	2,280.64	
Mason, Harley	804.52	
Mason, Harley & Carmen	1,079.40	
Mason, John	614.21	*
Mason-McKelvey, Carmen	98.67	
McMann, Michael K.	4,168.76	
Monahan, Rodney & Elaine	2,339.04	*
Nash, Eileen, Joseph, Terry, John	649.45	
Nason, Larry & Rebecca	1,949.74	
Newfound Plumbing & Heating	20.14	*
Normand, Jeffrey	1,231.46	
Pearl, Scott & Darlene	3,340.23	
Peel, David F. II	202.71	
Peel, Dean R.	375.58	
Perry, Louis Jr. & Bobbi-Jo	17.94	*
Perry, Richard	2,450.11	
Petty, Bradford	696.78	

Poland, Mark & Georgette	445.05	
Rich, Michael	243.67	*
Ripaldi, Peter F. & Lauri L.	545.47	*
Rolfe, Robert	433.98	
Rounds, Stephen & Ruth	920.78	
Russell, Everett C.	366.51	
Salem, Martha	537.69	
Schlaffer, Joseph & Katherine	2,090.42	*
Smith, Dianne	3,330.48	
Snihurowych, Bohdan	5,103.67	
Spurrell, Roger Jr. & Cindy	1,330.25	
St. Cyr, Joseph	2,309.70	
Steady, George Gordon	1,961.61	
Swallow, Jamie & Cindy	241.80	
Turcotte, Richard & Christina	2,750.23	*
Vinyard, Don	1,574.10	
Wadsworth, Jay C.	331.33	
Wentworth, Barry & Linda	998.10	
Wentworth, Colin	1,147.87	
Woods, Kent A.	669.59	

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$118,832.67
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* Indicates full or partial payment made prior
to printing of Annual Report

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and fiduciary fund information of Town of Stark, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively compose the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management's discussion and analysis, on pages two through six, and the combining non-major fund financial statements presented in Schedules 1 and 2, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Supplementary information contained in Schedules 3 and 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We have compiled the supplementary information from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information

Crane & Bell
Certified Public Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending December 31, 2008

CASH:

Northway Bank	301,798.31
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	108,839.04
Total	\$ 410,637.35

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

Bridge	60,251.31
Dump	2,242.95
Revaluation	448.99
Back Hoe	18,474.63
Compactor	14,069.57
Discount	12,476.91
Town Truck	30,901.24
Fire Department Building	3,714.91
Fire Department Equipment	3,124.15
Fire Department Expendable Trust	4,922.08
Fire Truck	102.33
Paris Road Crossing	1,136.31
Stark School/Handicapped	112,329.24
Stark School/Maintenance	32,510.51
Total	\$ 296,704.13

LIBRARY:

\$ 1,611.17

HERITAGE CENTER

\$ 24,104.59

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Property Tax 2008	81,447.62
Liens 2007	16,925.68
Liens 2006	11,881.19
Yield Tax 2008	861.69
Yield Tax 2007	791.36
Gravel Tax 2008	20.00
Total	\$ 111,927.54

TOWN PROPERTY: **\$ 3,468,946**

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$ 4,313,930.78**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

School District	217,539.00
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NET WORTH: **4,057,218.02**

SURPLUS:

Budget 2008	16,109.41
Unreserved Fund Balance 2008	23,064.35

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH **\$ 4,313,930.78**

STARK HERITAGE CENTER

Summer 2008 at the Stark Heritage Center was interesting with visitors from several different states. The season opened Memorial Day weekend and closed its doors after Columbus Day weekend. Fall foliage encouraged leaf peepers to explore the countryside with its brilliant red and orange colors.

Among new items donated this season were an ice cutting saw, a leather mail pouch, and two furniture items donated by the Oakes family. Other items include a display case, old library books with library cards dating back to the 1950's, a quilt complete with shams which was auctioned at the 1990 Stark Village School 100th Anniversary Celebration. Two barrister book cases plus a larger display case with glass sides and lighting were purchased. Please remember to call ahead to donate any items of interest. All items donated will be screened ahead of time to ensure the item relates to the Town of Stark's history

As the 2009 season approaches look for rocking chairs to be added to the gracious sprawling porch. Stark residents are invited to visit the Center on weekends. Groups interested in visiting are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the Center will be open for them. The 2009 season hours will continue to be Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Holidays will be observed if other than the regular Saturday and Sunday. Bring your family to visit; one may learn something about their family history and town history.

Special thanks to the volunteers who give their time to be there to welcome people.

Madeleine Croteau
Curator/Director

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Activity of the Planning Board in 2008 included two lot line/boundary line adjustments, one excavation permit, and one minor subdivision.

Philip Stearns, Jr. was appointed to the Board in replacement of the untimely death of William Cowie. James R. Gibson, Jr. was elected as the Chairman of the Board. The Board realizes that positions such as these are "thankless jobs" but someone has to do them to try to keep regulations going in town. If you are interested in becoming a Planning Board Member, please don't hesitate to contact the Selectmen's Office.

The Board will be meeting with North Country Council in the near future to get assistance with developing a Master Plan. There is funding through grants for this and will not be taxpayer based.

The near future also looks like there is the potential for Broad band internet service and tele-communications. Public hearings will be scheduled as these things develop. Your attendance at the public hearings would be most certainly welcomed.

The Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, following the Selectmen's Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to attend the monthly meetings.

James R. Gibson, Jr.
Chairman, Stark Planning Board

SEXTON'S REPORT

Thanks to the crew for their fine maintenance efforts again this year.

More stones were cleaned in the Village and Percy cemeteries. Years of debris build-up has made the cleaning task much more difficult than originally expected.

A large portion of next year's efforts will focus on tree and brush removal.

Anyone interested in general grounds maintenance is encouraged to contact the Selectmen's Office.

I have enjoyed serving as your Sexton.

Dennis Croteau
Sexton



STARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year the fire department was called out 18 times with six of these calls from surrounding towns. Towns are finding it harder to get coverage from their own town to respond to emergencies, especially between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. so the mutual aid system is called for help and Stark is no different.

Chief Barry Wentworth and Captains George Lamphere and James Hickey attended a 16-hour weekend training class in Lancaster on the duties of "Incident Safety Officer".

On October 25, we hosted a live burn training of the Moulton farm with 40 people from different towns in the mutual aid system attending. With a live burn, fire fighters get to see first hand how a fire behaves from the time it is set until it is burning up the walls and across the ceilings, and feel it getting hotter as it burns, and then watch the fire die down when water is applied. The more rooms there are, the more training we are able to get. We also see how ventilation plays an important roll in venting the hot gasses and smoke from the building and how the fire reacts to the different streams coming from the nozzle. On the outside of the building we had a pumper relay, where we pump from one engine to another engine when the water source is quite a distance from the fire scene, or we need to do tanker relay where we have to use tankers to haul water from a water source to a portable dump tank that the engine pumps from to supply water to the fire.

In 2009, we would like to get our new engine certified. To have this done the engine has to pump so much water after a time frame and then the pressure is tested after this time frame, and once it has passed the certification process, it would give us a higher ISO rating which in turn would reduce taxpayers home owners insurance. When it is time to renew your house insurance, ask your insurance carrier if they have the latest ISO rating for the Town of Stark. They may ask you how far you live from the fire station, or how far you live from a fire hydrant or dry

hydrant. We currently have two dry hydrants in town, one at the beginning of Sullivan Road and the other at the Transfer Station Pond, as well as a pumping station in the school yard.

Even though Christmas is a ways away, I would like to add a reminder about Christmas tree lights. Please don't not plug more than three strings of lights together, as the wire can heat up and cause a fire. I have seen someone have five or six strings of lights plugged together and plugged into the wall outlet which heated up and began to smell like burning plastic. I went over to the outlet and felt the wire and it was warm, and when I went to pull the plug from the wall outlet, the plug has melted enough so that the metal prongs remained plugged into the outlet and the plastic plug became unattached from the prongs, and the receptacle where the cord was plugged into was scorched. Another reminder is to unplug your Christmas lights when you are not home.

The fire department was called out for four auto/truck accidents, one injured snowmobiler carry out, one injured hiker carry out which involved calling for the DHART helicopter for a transfer to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. We also had a grass/brush fire on the railroad right of way, one illegal burn in an outside fire pit, one search and rescue false alarm, one forest fire call and one car fire call.

Mutual aid calls with Milan consisted of two structure fires, one truck vs. moose accident and one tree burning on wires. Mutual aid to Stratford Hollow included one structure fire with forest fire resulting, and with Groveton Mutual aid we assisted with one structure fire. We also had one non mutual aid call for a lift assist in Dummer.

Jack Pepau, Captain
S.V.F.D.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Let's be honest. The management of a recycling facility is about as exciting and inspirational as reading the stats from the "Wall Street Journal." Although the time spent in relocating all those sundry items having the singular value of filling up an empty space does provide for healthy exercise. Such activity could be compared to anything from an E.R. facility where decisions seem to take forever, to a political rally where chaos is the rule of egos. There is only one other environment to my mind that would compliment this behavior—the public zoo! (Although it has been compared to a war zone). The "Kangaroo" for instance, hops from bin to bin with his plastic pouch (in most cases not even attached). The "Sloth" at the other end of the energy scale and the last one to see near closing time, has very little to do but could take an hour to do it! The "Rhino" comes charging down the lane at 30 M.P.H. and without compassion proceeds to poke holes in anything he does not agree with—a lot of damage by this critter. The "Elephant" has trained himself to stomp down the corrugated cardboard boxes to the extreme annoyance of the wrangler on duty. The fearsome "Lion" is not such a bad beast; you just have to use the right words with him. The "Zebra", for some unexplained reason, has lost all his stripes and is too embarrassed to show himself--- we're working on it. On the unofficial viewing list is a fox or two, for from time to time things go missing. My personal favorite is the "Unicorn". A mythical beast you say. Think again. He is the one who pokes the hole in your tire and that could make my day!

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Last year in this book was an abbreviation due to a "misunderstanding" in scheduling. To back track a bit to '07, with delight I would like to note that the new addition to the container bay run has taken much of the ticky-tacky bits and pieces of life

down here to oblivion. The time gained alone has become an extra hand in the managing of a cardboard tsunami. The new green paint admittedly hides the rust, at least for a while.

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'08 was much quieter in the infrastructure category with only some painting, especially of the "line shack", and the addition of seven new signs which most likely have yet to be noticed. Their presence is voluntary and are exempt from payroll. A real personal aid when read. At the beginning of '08 state legislators initiated a ban from land fills of all household products containing mercury. It is interesting to note a similar ban on the federal level for commercial waste containing mercury has been in effect since 1973, as part of the E.P.A. Mercury added products, or "M.A.D." for short show here, are primarily fluorescent bulbs and several types of batteries, the collection of which has been a practice here at the facility years before it became law. One of the directives from D.E.S. for implementation is for bag checking with the drums of revolution being the most likely result. What are the odds of locating a button style battery within the goo of someone's left over mashed potatoes? We shall continue to rely on the "good will" (Oh, boy!) of our customers in adding to this collection. There is a listing of such products on the notice board in the "Swap Shop" for those in doubt, and you can always ask.

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The score board for '08 reflects only a very minor increase on the recycling side over '07. Actually, the total increase for the past five years has only been about three percent. With some of the more significant numbers describing how we are in the first place, we brought for brokerage in '08 to A.V.R.R.D.D. 8.28 tons of o.c.c. and box board, 12.50 tons of newspapers, etc., 3.83 tons of # 1 and # 2 plastics, 4.56 tons of cans, an estimated 13.89 tons of glass and ceramics, and 27.99 tons of non-burnable wood products. Also, 213 tires, 31 lead acid batteries, 225 gallons of waste oil (s), and 105 propane tanks of all sizes, all of which are

reprocessed with recycling in mind. With the unknown fate of several other products such as C.R.T.'s and some lamps, their recycling value can not be quantified, hence are excluded from the equation. Landfill waste i.e., compactor and "open top" combined was 152.32 tons for a total cost of \$ 14,063.00. The return of \$3,788.33 from 59 tons of all scrap metal, plus \$ 1,105.00 from bulky waste fees is a small number by comparison, but good for the general fund. There is no standardization for determining a recycling rate within the state, and the same is true throughout the country. Wastes having a pre-determined market value for re-processing into new consumer goods such as paper products, scrap metal and some plastics are the most evident to the general public. However, the larger volume of waste re-emerges in forms not readily evident to the public eye such as C & D., heavy iron, glass, and tires being incorporated in infrastructure projects and energy production. Considering everything land filled and what went out the door we had a recycling rate of 81% for '08. Surely some of our neighbors would like to debate that ration. What may be included in some locals may be excluded in others. Where do you draw the line?

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Within the annual budget analysis for projecting the future co-signed to the upcoming year, there is usually that last items call the "Wish List". Material things have been well satisfied in the past. Help on public days is truly hypothetical, all things considered-as long as we can keep the influence of D.E.S. under control. However, as a collateral concern, patrolling, that watchful eye with a big stick would be an immense aid. A probable candidate could be an out of work matador (bulls are in short supply). Being quick on his feet and carrying a sword are sound qualifications. However, if the wind picks up as we all know it does frequently, he may drown in his cape! Another prospect would be a long distance runner (between competitions). But, the poor fellow would soon ruin his feet on all the gravel during

summer if he hasn't already broken his back on an ice slip during winter! The ideal solution, let's say would be to have a five man patrol, no experience or talent required except for eagle eyesight, dressed with the air of authority all in black with jack boots, a pointed cap above the appropriate shades, an inch or so higher than Albert, and each equipped with an Uzi with an extended clip. All patrols should have a back-up. A twenty five foot watch tower at the open end of the compactor with twin fifties should provide the appropriate accommodation. A little fellow in slippers could, man the site and, if for no other reason than to silence those diesels, twenty millimeter cannons atop the Swap Shop. With such provisions, order should triumph over chaos (probably won't be too many people left) Perhaps in the future.

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In any event, '09 concerns will be small infrastructure projects, such as a new door to the "Swap Shop" (along with the incomplete door for the oil shed), replacement steps for the compactor, and of course, painting-the most difficult of tasks considering the independence of "Mother Nature", worse than some customers. And what is a new year without a new sign? Even if not needed it would maintain tradition. One operational change concerning non-burnable wood products will take place this spring. Instead of the usual ground location for the past several years, such items will be placed in a new roll off container like the existing open top, most likely set adjacent to it. This will require a second look on your part in using the proper container. (May be able to get one of those boys in black). Also, on a trial basis, A.V.R.R.D.D. will be accepting latex paint products along with the oil base coating at the HHW day in early June. So, please hang on to your "empty" paint cans until then.

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As with all years, no "show" is a success without the backstage performances of a select few who keep it all glued together. Sue, whose lightening fingers are put to an extreme challenge with

typing requests, especially with one of these things; Moe, whose miracle machine is taking on the appearance of immortality, though it needs a wash job; Bob, a relatively newcomer down here for times of stress, especially when I am not there; and "Jimbo" who can build the largest snow banks in town for your viewing without complaint. It also should be noted that from time to time a customer comes to the aid in a minor crisis; you know who you are- thanks again.

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The fate of a mayonnaise jar depends on you-cash or cost  
What would your rather have?

George S. Bennett  
T.S.M.



# **ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

## **2008 Annual Report of District Activities**

The AVRDD 2008 budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled \$467,000. A surplus of \$ 354,510.56 from the 2007 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$ 112,489.44 being billed to the member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Stark was \$ 3,867.20 reducing your gross apportionment of \$ 4,783.89 to \$ 915.69. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2008 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$ 271,152.28 being available to credit toward 2009 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 1,674.40 tons of recyclables, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, representing \$ 142,132.63 of marketing income to the District.

For calendar year 2008, our Transfer Station received 2,605 deliveries from District residents for a total of 724.26 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 232 commercial accounts delivered 357.07 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 1,130.18 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 2,037.39 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 189.93 tons of scrap metal, 256.55 tons of leaf and yard waste and 121.20 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 363 refrigerator/air conditioners; 391 propane tanks; 4,534 tires; 16,294 feet of fluorescent bulbs; 362 pounds of ballasts and 42.81 tons of electronics were recycled. We also received 2,235 gallons of waste oil from our residents which was used in our waste oil furnace to heat the recycling center. Transfer Station recycling income totaled \$ 26,355.87. The

Recycling Center and Transfer Station are operated, under contract with the District, by FERCO Recycling, Inc. of Berlin.

Election of Officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2008: Linda Cushman of Jefferson was re-elected Chairman; Yves Zornio of Gorham was re-elected Vice Chairman and Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Raymond Holt of Dummer, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Richard Lafleur of Berlin, Paul Grenier for the Coos County Unincorporated places, Erik Gagne of Milan, Winston Hawes of Northumberland and George Bennett of Stark.

In June, the District conducted its seventeenth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 265 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Fund with a \$ 15,000 payment from the Mt. Carberry Landfill Budget. No assessment was made to the District communities. In addition, a grant from the State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District at fourteen cents (\$.14) per capita. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the District Transfer Station.

2008 was the sixth year of operations for the AVR RDD-Mt. Carberry Landfill. Since purchasing the landfill in December 2002, no assessments have been made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. The landfill is operated, under contract with the District, by Cianbro Corp.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon E. Gauthier  
Executive Director

## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

As I start my 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils couple with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation-Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or [bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:bwatson@dot.state.nh.us).

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to you local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are

interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121.

A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook.index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook.index.htm)

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov).

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

By: Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

**WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER  
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK  
HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE SERVICES**

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Stark and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Stark residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; licensed home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care...focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, an increasing number of hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides, and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Granite Chapter serves communities covering 52 percent of New Hampshire, including the Concord area, Lakes Region and North Country. Chapter staff and volunteers provide support and relief after a disaster; emergency preparedness training; course in health and safety; blood drives; volunteer and youth leadership opportunities; and aid to military families.

Your Red Cross chapter has been active in and around the Stark area.

- Red Cross trained volunteers make up the chapter's Colebrook Area Disaster Action Team, which responds to disasters day or night in Stark and surrounding towns. In all, the Granite Chapter has seven Disaster Action Teams with over 100 specially trained volunteers. The other teams are based in Plymouth, New London, Laconia/Lakes Region, Concord, Berlin, and Littleton, and travel to meet the disaster needs in any of our towns.
- Fortunately there were no home fires or other disasters last year in Stark that required Red Cross assistance. In all, our disaster volunteers helped 98 families/individuals, a total of 264 people including 107 children in 42 towns. More than 98 percent of the local disasters were residential fires. Disaster teams were also on the scene of the NH Tornado Disaster in July 2008 giving aid to about 100 people.
- Health and safety classes are held at the chapter office in Concord, the Belknap Mall and communities throughout our jurisdiction. Classes include CPR, First Aid, use of AEDs, Babysitter Training, Safe on My Own (for ages 8-11), Pet

First Aid and more. We are glad to arrange for Red Cross classes in Stark with enrollment of six or more participants.

- Last year in all the towns that we serve, there were 225 blood drives where donors gave a total of 12,749 pints of the "gift of life". NH hospitals depend on the American Red Cross for their blood supplies.

All Red Cross assistance is free to disaster victims. The Granite Chapter is a non-profit organization that receives no annual federal funding. We depend on generous donations of time and money from the American people to support our services. An appropriation from Stark would help ensure that the American Red Cross can continue to train and prepare people for emergencies, and respond swiftly and effectively at times of disasters.

Based on two years of data, the average support provided to disaster victims is \$ 1,300 per case. Municipal contributions are one part of our diversified funding sources. We ask all 101 towns in our area for a contribution based on the same rate per capita. Last year we received funding from one third of our towns.

Volunteers and staff of this chapter look forward to serving the community of Stark in the next fiscal year. Please feel free to contact me if you need any other information. (603-225-6697 x210). I or my representative would be glad to meet with you.

By: Maria White  
Interim Executive Director

## **NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES 2006 FACT SHEET**

### **THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

Northern Human Services, The Mental Health Center has provided the people of northern New Hampshire and bordering communities in Vermont with quality services for over 30 years. We provide mental health emergency services 24 hours a day, counseling, evaluations, drug and alcohol treatment, community outreach and prevention services. We also provide supportive housing services to individuals with disabilities, enabling them to live as independently as possible in their local community. The services we provide are confidential.

As a private, non-profit agency, we are dependent on fees for services, grants and appropriations from the communities we serve. Insurance plans cover most of our services. It is our policy to not let an inability to pay prevent someone from obtaining the services they require. Sliding fee arrangements are available. As a result, our collection rate is only about 50%.

### **VERSHIRE CENTER**

Northern Human Services, Vershire Center has provided vocational and social training as well as support to individuals with a variety of disabilities for more than 30 years. Over 60 individuals from the local geographic area benefit from our services. Over 50 community employers across our service area work closely with the Center to provide meaningful paid and volunteer work, as well as social opportunities to the individuals we serve.

The individuals we serve reside in Errol, Northumberland, Pittsburg, bordering Vermont communities and all points in-between. Hundred of miles of transportation services are required each day.

**TOWN DONATIONS:** Vershire Center & The Mental Health Center combined:

|                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2005:  | \$ 125.00 |
| The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2006:  | \$ 125.00 |
| The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2007:  | \$ 125.00 |
| The amount received from the Town of Stark in 2008:  | \$ 125.00 |
| The amount requested from the Town of Stark in 2009: | \$ 125.00 |

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support that we have received from the citizens of Stark. Your appropriations help ensure the continued availability of quality services to the residents of you community who experience mental health difficulties and/or developmental impairments.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charlie Cott, LICSW  
Area Director  
237-4955

## **NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC**

**The Cottage at the Rocks**

**107 Glessner Road**

**Bethlehem, NH 03574**

**(603) 444-6303**

**Fax: (603) 444-7588**

**E-Mail: [nccinc@nccouncil.org](mailto:nccinc@nccouncil.org)**

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we affirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. The North Country Council has continued its strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. As we all know, these are tough economic times and we will be working with our State and Federal elected officials to do whatever we can to assist our communities economically. We will continue our Community Planning Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We will continue to seek your input as to the communities' needs and, as always, be providing the necessary technical support and education as our resources allow. These programs, as well as all the other traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, Brownfields assessments, and transportation planning will continue to be the

focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over our Annual Report and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again thank you for all of your support for the Council and I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael King  
Executive Director

**TOWN OF STARK**

**2009**

**WARRANT  
&  
BUDGET**

**TOWN OF STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN WARRANT  
2009**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stark, Coos County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Stark Volunteer Fire Department in said Town on the second Tuesday in March, next March 10, 2009 to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and place the polls will be opened at 9:00 in the forenoon and will remain open until 7:00 in the afternoon for the reception of ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town authorizes the local governing body to look into the possibility of taking over Christine Lake Beach with all maintenance and upkeep to be done by the Town of Stark, with funding to come from the Northern NH Charitable Trust Foundation. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open.) (This is a non-binding article)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 165,225 for General Government: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>4130-Executive</b>                   | <b>36,200</b>     |
| Payroll                                 | 25,000            |
| Expenses                                | 1,700             |
| Office Expenses                         | 9,500             |
| <br><b>4140-Election, Registrations</b> | <br><b>15,100</b> |
| Payroll                                 | 10,300            |

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|-----------------|-------|
| Annual Report   | 2,000 |
| Expenses        | 1,100 |
| Office Expenses | 1,700 |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>4150-Financial Administration</b> | <b>18,600</b> |
| Payroll                              | 10,200        |
| Auditors                             | 6,200         |
| Expenses                             | 1,000         |
| Office Expenses                      | 1,200         |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>4152-Revaluation</b> | <b>27,100</b> |
| Map Maintenance         | 800           |
| Partial Revaluation     | 23,800        |
| Software Support        | 2,500         |

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| <b>4153-Legal</b> | <b>2,000</b> |
| Services          | 2,000        |

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| <b>4155-Personnel Administration</b> | <b>15,300</b> |
| WT/Medi/Retirement                   | 14,800        |
| Unemployment                         | 500           |

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| <b>4191-Planning &amp; Zoning</b> | <b>500</b> |
| Miscellaneous                     | 500        |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>4194-General Gov't Buildings</b> | <b>11,350</b> |
| Payroll                             | 1,450         |
| Expenses                            | 300           |
| Fire Code                           | 600           |
| Interior & Exterior                 | 1,500         |

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| Maintenance | 1,500 |
| Utilities   | 6,000 |

**4195-Cemeteries 5,700**

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| Payroll     | 4,300 |
| Expenses    | 300   |
| Maintenance | 1,100 |

**4196-Insurance 29,800**

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Health Insurance      | 14,700 |
| Liability/Bonding     | 10,600 |
| Worker's Compensation | 4,500  |

**4197-Advertising & Regional Assoc. 2,000**

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Advertising           | 1,100 |
| North Country Council | 600   |
| Northern Gateway      | 300   |

**4199-Perambulation 1,575**

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| Perambulation | 1,575 |
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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 33,175 for Public Safety. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

**4210-Police 8,250**

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| Payroll         | 6,500 |
| Expenses        | 1,000 |
| Office Expenses | 750   |

**4215-Ambulance 6,300**

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| Services | 6,300 |
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| <b>4220-Fire Department</b>      | <b>17,550</b> |
| Payroll                          | 2,300         |
| Maintenance                      | 8,550         |
| Mutual Aid                       | 400           |
| Office Expenses                  | 300           |
| Physicals/Background Cks.        | 500           |
| Utilities                        | 5,500         |
| <b>4290-Emergency Management</b> | <b>500</b>    |
| Expenses                         | 500           |
| <b>4299-Other Safety</b>         | <b>575</b>    |
| Lancaster Juvenile Diversion     | 275           |
| Safety                           | 300           |

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 171,840 for Highways & Streets. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>4312-Highways</b> | <b>171,840</b> |
| Payroll              | 42,000         |
| Chloride             | 5,000          |
| Cold Patch           | 1,600          |
| Expenses             | 250            |
| Grading              | 5,000          |
| Maintenance          | 23,600         |
| Mowing               | 6,290          |
| Reconstruction       | 70,000         |
| Sand & Salt          | 10,000         |
| Signs                | 1,000          |
| Town Garage Addition | 100            |
| Utilities            | 7,000          |

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 72,400 for Sanitation. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>4324-Solid Waste</b>              | <b>45,400</b>     |
| Payroll                              | 15,000            |
| District Costs                       | 24,200            |
| Expenses                             | 700               |
| Maintenance                          | 4,000             |
| Utilities                            | 1,500             |
| <br><b>4325-Solid Waste Clean-Up</b> | <br><b>27,000</b> |
| Bond/Loan Fees                       | 23,000            |
| Monitoring                           | 4,000             |

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,689 for Health. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>4415-Health Agencies</b>  | <b>3,033</b>     |
| Health Officer               | 75               |
| Northern Human Services      | 125              |
| Weeks Home Health            | 2,833            |
| <br><b>4419-Other Health</b> | <br><b>2,656</b> |
| American Red Cross           | 236              |
| Community Action Program     | 920              |
| G.H.S.-Chem Free             | 350              |
| North County Elders-CAP      | 450              |
| Senior Meals                 | 700              |

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500 for Direct Assistance:

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| <b>4442-Welfare</b> | <b>3,500</b> |
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| Direct Assistance | 3,500 |
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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500 for Culture & Recreation: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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| <b>4550-Library</b>   | <b>500</b>   |
| Library               | 500          |
| <b>4583-Patriotic</b> | <b>2,000</b> |
| Patriotic             | 2,000        |

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 23,700 for Debt Services: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

|                             |               |
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| <b>4711-Principal-Bonds</b> | <b>15,000</b> |
| Fire Department Bond        | 15,000        |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>4721-Interest-Bonds</b> | <b>4,700</b> |
| Fire Department Bond       | 4,700        |

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| <b>4723-Interest on T.A.N.</b> | <b>4,000</b> |
| Tax Anticipation Note          | 4,000        |

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 21,700 for Interfund Operating Transfers Out: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>4915-Capital Reserves</b> | <b>21,200</b> |
| Backhoe                      | 3,000         |
| Bridge                       | 10,000        |
| Compactor                    | 1,000         |
| Dump Closure                 | 100           |
| Fire Department Building     | 100           |
| Fire Department Equipment    | 2,000         |
| Town Truck                   | 5,000         |

**4916-Transfers To Trust**

**500**

Discount

**500**

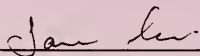
ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to reorganize the Stark Volunteer Fire Department to re-establish as follows:

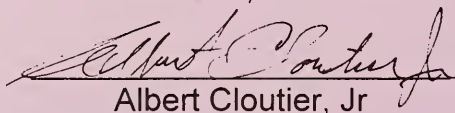
Effective one (1) year from passing of this article the Fire Chief shall be appointed by the local governing body with firefighters appointed by local governing body upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

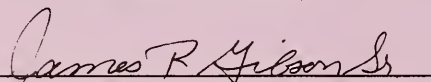
ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented. (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

ARTICLE 14: To transact any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

  
James Eich, Chairman

  
Albert Cloutier, Jr

  
James R. Gibson, Sr.

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: STARK

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 4 FEBRUARY 2009

### GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

*Please sign in ink.*

JAMES EICH, CHAIRMAN

ALBERT CLOUTIER, JR

JAMES R. GIBSON, SR.

*James R. Gibson Sr.*  
*Albert Cloutier Jr.*  
*James R. Gibson Sr.*

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
 (603)271-3397

| 1                              | 2                                         | 3                         | 4                                                  | 5                                    | 6                                            | 7                                                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Acct. #                        | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | OP Bud.<br>Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Appropriations<br>Ensuig FY<br>(RECOMMENDED) | Appropriations<br>Ensuig FY<br>(NOT RECOMMENDED) |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>      |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                   | XXXXXXXXXX                                       |
| 4130-4139                      | Executive                                 | 3                         | 35,400                                             | 36,157.82                            | 36,200                                       |                                                  |
| 4140-4149                      | Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics         | 3                         | 15,300                                             | 15,522.94                            | 15,100                                       |                                                  |
| 4150-4151                      | Financial Administration                  | 3                         | 22,000                                             | 18,244.03                            | 18,600                                       |                                                  |
| 4152                           | Revaluation of Property                   | 3                         | 13,500                                             | 10,603.11                            | 27,100                                       |                                                  |
| 4153                           | Legal Expense                             | 3                         | 2,000                                              | 62.00                                | 2,000                                        |                                                  |
| 4155-4159                      | Personnel Administration                  | 3                         | 15,000                                             | 15,297.24                            | 15,300                                       |                                                  |
| 4191-4193                      | Planning & Zoning                         | 3                         | 500                                                | 461.02                               | 500                                          |                                                  |
| 4194                           | General Government Buildings              | 3                         | 11,350                                             | 9,567.46                             | 11,350                                       |                                                  |
| 4195                           | Cemeteries                                | 3                         | 5,700                                              | 5,004.91                             | 5,700                                        |                                                  |
| 4196                           | Insurance                                 | 3                         | 29,250                                             | 28,301.14                            | 29,800                                       |                                                  |
| 4197                           | Advertising & Regional Assoc.             | 3                         | 2,000                                              | 1,657.04                             | 2,000                                        |                                                  |
| 4199                           | Other General Government                  | 3                         | 0                                                  | .00                                  | 1,575                                        |                                                  |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>           |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                   | XXXXXXXXXX                                       |
| 4210-4214                      | Police                                    | 4                         | 8,250                                              | 6,252.81                             | 8,250                                        |                                                  |
| 4215-4219                      | Ambulance                                 | 4                         | 6,000                                              | 5,676.00                             | 6,300                                        |                                                  |
| 4220-4229                      | Fire                                      | 4                         | 15,200                                             | 16,110.81                            | 17,550                                       |                                                  |
| 4240-4249                      | Building Inspection                       |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4290-4298                      | Emergency Management                      | 4                         | 500                                                | 499.55                               | 500                                          |                                                  |
| 4299                           | Other (Incl. Communications)              | 4                         | 575                                                | 275.00                               | 575                                          |                                                  |
| <b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b> |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                   | XXXXXXXXXX                                       |
| 4301-4309                      | Airport Operations                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>  |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                   | XXXXXXXXXX                                       |
| 4311                           | Administration                            | 5                         | 192,150                                            | 196,963.00                           | 171,840                                      |                                                  |
| 4312                           | Highways & Streets                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4313                           | Bridges                                   |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4316                           | Street Lighting                           |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4319                           | Other                                     |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| <b>SANITATION</b>              |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                   | XXXXXXXXXX                                       |
| 4321                           | Administration                            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4323                           | Solid Waste Collection                    |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |
| 4324                           | Solid Waste Disposal                      | 6                         | 41,400                                             | 42,951.63                            | 45,400                                       |                                                  |
| 4325                           | Solid Waste Clean-up                      | 6                         | 28,000                                             | 26,088.30                            | 27,000                                       |                                                  |
| 4326-4329                      | Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other           |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                  |

| 1                                         | 2                                         | 3                         | 4                                                  | 5                                    | 6                                             | 7                                                 |
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| <b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b> |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4331                                      | Administration                            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4332                                      | Water Services                            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4335-4339                                 | Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other         |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>ELECTRIC</b>                           |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4351-4352                                 | Admin. and Generation                     |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4353                                      | Purchase Costs                            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4354                                      | Electric Equipment Maintenance            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4359                                      | Other Electric Costs                      |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                             |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4411                                      | Administration                            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4414                                      | Pest Control                              |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4415-4419                                 | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other           | 7                         | 5,635                                              | 5,635.00                             | 5,689                                         |                                                   |
| <b>WELFARE</b>                            |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4441-4442                                 | Administration & Direct Assist.           | 8                         | 3,500                                              | 1,139.13                             | 3,500                                         |                                                   |
| 4444                                      | Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts          |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4445-4449                                 | Vendor Payments & Other                   |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>           |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4520-4529                                 | Parks & Recreation                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4550-4559                                 | Library                                   | 9                         | 1,000                                              | 1,000.00                             | 500                                           |                                                   |
| 4583                                      | Patriotic Purposes                        | 9                         | 2,000                                              | 1,678.15                             | 2,000                                         |                                                   |
| 4589                                      | Other Culture & Recreation                |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>CONSERVATION</b>                       |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4611-4612                                 | Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources         |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4619                                      | Other Conservation                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4631-4632                                 | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING                   |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4651-4659                                 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                      |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE</b>                       |                                           |                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4711                                      | Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes           | 10                        | 15,000                                             | 15,000.00                            | 15,000                                        |                                                   |
| 4721                                      | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes          | 10                        | 6,500                                              | 5,452.50                             | 4,700                                         |                                                   |
| 4723                                      | Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes            | 10                        | 4,000                                              | 0.00                                 | 4,000                                         |                                                   |
| 4790-4799                                 | Other Debt Service                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |

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| CAPITAL OUTLAY          |                                           | XXXXXXXXXX                | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4901                    | Land                                      |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4902                    | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment           |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4903                    | Buildings                                 |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4909                    | Improvements Other Than Bldgs.            |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT |                                           | XXXXXXXXXX                | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |
| 4912                    | To Special Revenue Fund                   |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4913                    | To Capital Projects Fund                  |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4914                    | To Enterprise Fund                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
|                         | Sewer-                                    |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
|                         | Water-                                    |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
|                         | Electric-                                 |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
|                         | Airport-                                  |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4915                    | To Capital Reserve Fund*                  | 11                        | 18,200                                             | 18,200.00                            | 21,200                                        |                                                   |
| 4916                    | To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*              | 11                        | 500                                                | 500.00                               | 500                                           |                                                   |
| 4917                    | To Health Maint. Trust Funds*             |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4918                    | To Nonexpendable Trust Funds              |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| 4919                    | To Fiduciary Funds                        |                           |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL  |                                           |                           | 500,410                                            | 484,300.59                           | 499,729                                       |                                                   |

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

| 1                               | 2                                         | 3              | 4                                                  | 5                                    | 6                                             | 7                                                 |
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|                                 | SAND/SALT SHED                            | 11             | 150,000                                            | 126,935.65                           | 0.00                                          |                                                   |
|                                 |                                           |                |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
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|                                 |                                           |                |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
|                                 |                                           |                |                                                    |                                      |                                               |                                                   |
| INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED |                                           |                | XXXXXXXXXX                                         | XXXXXXXXXX                           |                                               | XXXXXXXXXX                                        |

| 1                                   | 2                                         | 3              | 4                                | 5                                | 6                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Acct. #                             | SOURCE OF REVENUE                         | Warr.<br>Art.# | Estimated Revenues<br>Prior Year | Actual<br>Revenues<br>Prior Year | Estimated<br>Revenues<br>Ensuing Year |
| <b>TAXES</b>                        |                                           |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                     |
| 3120                                | Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund      |                | 2,500                            | 4,377                            | 2,500                                 |
| 3180                                | Resident Taxes                            |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3185                                | Timber Taxes                              |                | 4,500                            | 6,430                            | 4,000                                 |
| 3186                                | Payment in Lieu of Taxes                  |                | 26,896                           | 26,566                           | 26,000                                |
| 3189                                | Other Taxes                               |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3190                                | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes  |                | 15,000                           | 36,791                           | 18,000                                |
|                                     | Inventory Penalties                       |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3187                                | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)    |                | 2,200                            | 2,130                            | 2,200                                 |
| <b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b> |                                           |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                     |
| 3210                                | Business Licenses & Permits               |                | 300                              | 265                              | 300                                   |
| 3220                                | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees                 |                | 70,000                           | 79,385                           | 75,000                                |
| 3230                                | Building Permits                          |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3290                                | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees            |                | 1,500                            | 1,213                            | 1,500                                 |
| 3311-3319                           | <b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>            |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| <b>FROM STATE</b>                   |                                           |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                     |
| 3351                                | Shared Revenues                           |                | 3,369                            | 5,596                            | 3,369                                 |
| 3352                                | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution            |                | 23,250                           | 23,250                           | 23,000                                |
| 3353                                | Highway Block Grant                       |                | 45,851                           | 50,214                           | 45,000                                |
| 3354                                | Water Pollution Grant                     |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3355                                | Housing & Community Development           |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3356                                | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3357                                | Flood Control Reimbursement               |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3359                                | Other (Including Railroad Tax)            |                | 5,490                            | 5,490                            | 5,490                                 |
| 3379                                | <b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>             |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| <b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>         |                                           |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                     |
| 3401-3406                           | Income from Departments                   |                | 4,000                            | 4,646                            | 3,000                                 |
| 3409                                | Other Charges                             |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>       |                                           |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                     |
| 3501                                | Sale of Municipal Property                |                | 300                              | 280                              | 100                                   |
| 3502                                | Interest on Investments                   |                | 2,500                            | 4,683                            | 3,000                                 |
| 3503-3509                           | Other                                     |                | 1,200                            | 1,100                            | 1,200                                 |

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| 1                                 | 2                                        | 3           | 4                             | 5                          | 6                               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acct. #                           | SOURCE OF REVENUE                        | Warr. Art.# | Estimated Revenues Prior Year | Actual Revenues Prior Year | Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN  |                                          |             | xxxxxxxx                      | xxxxxxxx                   | xxxxxxxx                        |
| 3912                              | From Special Revenue Funds               |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3913                              | From Capital Projects Funds              |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3914                              | From Enterprise Funds                    |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Sewer - (Offset)                         |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Water - (Offset)                         |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Electric - (Offset)                      |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Airport - (Offset)                       |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3915                              | From Capital Reserve Funds               |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3916                              | From Trust & Fiduciary Funds             |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3917                              | Transfers from Conservation Funds        |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES           |                                          |             | xxxxxxxx                      | xxxxxxxx                   | xxxxxxxx                        |
| 3934                              | Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes       |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")        | 11          | 150,000                       | 126,936                    |                                 |
|                                   | Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes |             | 70,000                        | 70,000                     |                                 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS |                                          |             | 428,856                       | 449,352                    |                                 |

## \*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

|                                                           | Prior Year | Ensuing Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4) | 500,410    | 499,729      |
| Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)        | 0          | 0            |
| Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)     | 150,000    | 0            |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended                          | 650,410    | 499,729      |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above) | 428,856    | 213,659      |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised                    | 221,554    | 286,070      |

# **TOWN MEETING NOTES**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2008**

**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire,  
qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Fire Station in said District  
on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the  
subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be opened at said place and  
date from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the reception of your ballots under  
the non-partisan ballot system. Polls will not close before 7:00 o'clock in the  
evening.

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following District officers for  
the ensuing year: a District clerk, a District treasurer, a District  
moderator; one member of the School Board for the ensuing three  
years.

Given under our hands at Stark this 10th day of February, 2009.

SCHOOL  
BOARD

Michelle M. Randalle  
Michelle Randall, Chairperson

Thomas Bushey  
Thomas Bushey

Danforth Peel  
Danforth Peel

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Michelle M. Randalle  
Michelle Randall, Chairperson

Thomas Bushey  
Thomas Bushey

Danforth Peel  
Danforth Peel

SCHOOL  
BOARD

**SCHOOL WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Fire Station in said District on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The matters of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.

2. To set the salaries of school district officials:

|                              |                     |            |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| School Board Members         | 3 @ \$850.00 each   | \$2,550.00 |
| Treasurer                    |                     | 600.00     |
| Board Secretary              | \$50.00 per meeting | 600.00     |
| Clerk                        |                     | 70.00      |
| Moderator                    |                     | 70.00      |
| Police                       |                     | 70.00      |
| Supervisors of the Checklist | 3 @ \$70.00 each    | 210.00     |
| Ballot Clerks                | 2 @ \$70.00 each    | 140.00     |

(Recommended by the School Board)

3. Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (Recommended by the School Board).

4. To see if the District will vote to ratify and confirm a ten year tuition contract with the Northumberland School District, for all Stark students, grades K through 6. (Recommended by the School Board)

5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$991,449.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include any of the other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board)

6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate *up to* Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. (Recommended by the School Board)

7. Shall the voters of the Stark School District within the School Administrative Unit Number 58 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the School Administrative Unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings. (Inserted by Petition)
8. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this 10th day of February, 2009.

SCHOOL  
BOARD

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Michelle Randall, Chairperson

Thomas Bushey  
Thomas Bushey

Danforth Peel  
Danforth Peel

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SCHOOL  
BOARD

# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

School District of Stark

## Organization/Administration 2008-2009

| <u>School Board</u>           | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Michelle Randall, Chairperson | 2009                |
| Thomas Bushey                 | 2010                |
| Danforth Peel                 | 2011                |

### Superintendent of Schools

Carl M. Ladd – Tel. 636-1437

Patricia Brown, Business Manager

Frederick Bailey, Administrative Coordinator

Carrie Irving, Secretary

Darlene Curley, Payroll & Human Resource

Lisa Blodgett, Accounts Payable/Grants

### Stark Village School

Shelli Roberts – Teaching Principal

Michelle Rogers – Part-time Secretary

Kelly Jewell – Grades K, 1, 2, & 3

Bridget Gagne – Grades 4, 5, & 6

Jennifer Chauvette, Paraprofessional

Samantha Holbrook, Paraprofessional

Nikki Doolan, Cafeteria

Bradley Ball, Custodian

Yuko Plambeck – Part-time Art

Tabitha Paquette, Part-time Music

Dorothy Meunier, RN – Part-time Nurse

Mary Eliason – Part-time Guidance Counselor

Treasurer  
Susan Croteau

Clerk  
Susan Croteau

Moderator  
William Joyce

# **GRADE PLACEMENT CHART** 2008-2009

| <u>Grade</u>  | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Kelly Jewell  | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |   |   |   | 14    |
| Bridget Gagne |   |   |   |   | 5 | 8 | 3 | 16    |
|               | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 30    |

|                    | <u># Students</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Junior High School |                   |
| Grade 7            | 5                 |
| Grade 8            | 2                 |
| High School        |                   |
| Grade 9            | 12                |
| Grade 10           | 6                 |
| Grade 11           | 8                 |
| Grade 12           | 8                 |
|                    | 41                |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk declared meeting open at 2:30 p.m. Susan explained that William L. Joyce resigned his position as Moderator to take on a School Board Member position. First order of business was to appoint a Moderator. Motion to appoint Keith Clouatre as Moderator made by William Joyce. Second. James Eich. Motion carries. Ballot clerks were John Pepau Sr. & Judith Gibson  
Motion to dispense with reading of entire Warrant made by William Joyce. Second: Michelle Randall. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE # 1:** To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE # 2:** To set salaries of school district officials:

|                              |                      |             |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| School Board Members         | 3 @ \$ 850.00 each   | \$ 2,550.00 |
| Treasurer                    |                      | 600.00      |
| Board Secretary              | \$ 50.00 per meeting | 600.00      |
| Clerk                        |                      | 55.00       |
| Moderator                    |                      | 55.00       |
| Police                       |                      | 55.00       |
| Supervisors of the Checklist | 3 @ \$ 25.00 each    | 75.00       |
| Ballots Clerks               | 2 @ \$ 40.00 each    | 80.00       |

(Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 2** made by Michelle Randall. Second: William Joyce.

Motion to amend **ARTICLE # 2** made by James Eich. Second: James Gibson, Sr.

AMENDED ARTICLE # @ to read:

|                              |                      |             |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| School Board Members         | 3 @ \$ 850.00 each   | \$ 2,550.00 |
| Treasurer                    |                      | 600.00      |
| Board Secretary              | \$ 50.00 per meeting | 600.00      |
| Clerk                        |                      | 70.00       |
| Moderator                    |                      | 70.00       |
| Police                       |                      | 70.00       |
| Supervisors of the Checklist | 3 @ \$ 70.00 each    | 210.00      |
| Ballots Clerks               | 2 @ \$ 70.00 each    | 140.00      |

James Eich recommended raising the rate of pay for the Election Officials to the same amounts that the Town pays for the Officials for the Town Meeting. Discussion follows.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 2 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 3:** Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (Recommended by the School Board).

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 3** made by Thomas Bushey. Second: Michelle Randall.

No discussion on article.

**ARTICLE # 3 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 4:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty One Thousand Seventy Three Dollars ( \$ 931,073.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include any of the other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 4** made by Thomas Bushey. Second: William Joyce.

Motion to **AMEND ARTICLE # 4** to read as follows:

The see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$931,313.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include any of the other warrant articles.

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 4** made by Thomas Bushey. Second: William Joyce.

Thomas Bushey explained that the reason for the amendment is to cover the costs of the increase in election salaries from article # 2. Questions, comments and concerns were addressed in reference to the article. Thomas stated that the budget being proposed is 4.4% less than the 2007 Budget.

Georgia Caron asked what the cost per pupil in the Stark School is. Superintendent Ladd responded that it is \$ 14,245 per student which is "higher than the state average of \$ 10,108."

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 5:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up the Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 25,000.00) to be place in the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 5** made by Michelle Randall. Second: Thomas Bushey.

General discussion follows.

**ARTICLE # 5 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 6:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust

Fund, with such amount to be funded from June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. (Recommended by the School Board)

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 6** made by Everett R. Frizzell. Second: James Eich.

Motion to **AMEND ARTICLE # 6** made by Diane Daley. Second: Wayne Montgomery. To read as follows:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Five Thousand Dollars ( \$ 5,000 ) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1.

Motion to move **AMENDED ARTICLE # 6** made by Diane Daley. Second: Christopher Joyce.

Lengthy discussion follows.

**AMENDED ARTICLE # 6 FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 6 AS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 7:** To see if the District will vote to participate in a preliminary planning committee to study re-organizational possibilities including those under RSA 195 and RSA 195-A, said committee to consist of one school board member and two at-large citizens to be appointed by each of the school boards of the participating districts. Said committee will report to each of the participating school boards no later than December 31, 2008 with its findings and recommendations.

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 7** made by Thomas Bushey. Second: Diane Daley.

General discussion.

**ARTICLE # 7 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE # 8:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Motion to move **ARTICLE # 8** made by Michelle Randall. Second: Thomas Bushey.

Diane Daley asked the Board to consider establishing a Tuition Relief Trust Fund so the tuition isn't such a burden to tax payers.

William Joyce stated that the school is still in need of volunteers and that volunteers do make a difference.

Michelle Randall thanked citizens for their donations of food and other items for the Town Meeting day luncheon put together by the S.O.S. committee.

William Joyce stated that the attitude at the S.A.U. Office "has made a dramatic change for the better."

Sue Fogg requested that the Board consider changing the time and or date of the next School Meeting so more people who work during the day could attend if the meeting was held during the evening or "even consider having it on a Saturday."

Diane Daley thanked the School Board Members for a job well done in the last year.

Motion to adjourn made by James Eich. Second: Sue Fogg

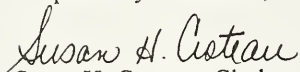
Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Voting continued until 7:00 p.m. Polls were closed and ballots tabulated with the following results:

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ( 3 years)**  
**SCHOOL TREASURER ( 1 year)**  
**SCHOOL CLERK ( 1 year )**  
**SCHOOL MODERATOR (1 year)**

**Danforth Peel**  
**Susan H. Croteau**  
**Susan H. Croteau**  
**William L. Joyce**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan H. Croteau, Clerk  
Stark School District

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
2008-2009**

I am pleased to submit my second annual school report. This has been an interesting time in which to take over the educational leadership requirements in our communities, but I have truly enjoyed working with the administrators, teachers, parents, and community members within our SAU to provide the best educational opportunities for our children given our limited resources. The Stark School Board deserves a great deal of credit for their commitment to our school's educational programs. I have enjoyed working with them.

The SAU #58 School Board, comprised of Northumberland, Stark, and Stratford, established goals for the 2008-09 school year in October. These goal areas were developed by administration, staff, and board members working together and provide the focus and direction for the use of our limited fiscal and human resources.

**SAU #58 Goals:**

**1. Curriculum**

- a. To analyze and adjust existing curriculum maps to ensure alignment with Grade Level and Grade Span Expectations.

**2. Instruction**

- a. To analyze instructional practices to ensure that the curriculum is delivered in a manner that engages all students and is differentiated based on assessment data.
- b. To implement the revamped teacher evaluation / supervision model based on Charlotte Danielson's *Framework for Teaching*.

- c. To develop a formal mentor program.

### **3. Assessment**

- a. To analyze assessment data, both formative and summative, in order to evaluate student performance and instructional effectiveness.
- b. To continue to improve NECAP scores and to make AYP.

### **4. Professional Development**

- a. To provide professional development focused on improving student achievement through the Curriculum – Instruction – Assessment Goal Areas.

### **5. Long Range Planning**

- a. To support the Long Range Planning process approved by the voters in all three districts in March 2008.

### **6. Budgets**

- a. To continue to build and pass fiscally responsible budgets that meet the educational needs of students and community and that meet the NH Minimum Standards for school approval.

### **7. Crisis Management**

- a. To update Crisis Management Plans to address new FEMA requirements.

## **Continuing Goal Areas:**

### **1. Technology**

- a. Continue to make improvements to the computer technology network and integrate technology into the curriculum.

### **2. Grants**

- a. To increase the amount of grant money coming into the SAU.
- b. To provide responsible fiscal/administrative oversight and management of all grants in the SAU.

### **3. Alternative Education Program**

- a. To ensure sustainability of North Country Charter Academy and Adult Education Programs.

### **Stark Village School Goals:**

- 1. As a Professional Learning Community, utilize curriculum, instruction, assessment and data to improve student learning.**
- 2. Enhance student achievement to empower students to become contributing members of society through the use of school wide interdisciplinary units.**
- 3. To implement technology across the curriculum.**

These have been ambitious goals and ones that the administration and staff have been working on throughout the school year, and will continue to work on. As always, the ultimate goal is to provide the best education possible for our students. We have worked very hard to focus our goals on improving student achievement through aligning curriculum, analyzing assessment data, and improving instructional practices within the classroom. Our students have made significant gains on both the statewide NECAP assessment as well as the nationally normed NWEA assessment. I am very proud of the outstanding work done by the staff and administration to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges posed by globalization and the *No Child Left Behind* legislation.

We have completed our proposed budget for the 2009-10 school year, which is included in this town report. The administrators and central office staff spent hours scouring the budget for areas in which we could contain spending increases. If you review the areas in which the administration and teachers have direct control – supplies, equipment, books, furniture – all those categories were decreased significantly. It should also be noted that the

administrative team (superintendent, special education director, and building principals) did not take a pay raise this year in an effort to help hold the line on the budget. Cuts were also made at the SAU level, including a reduction in staffing of the part-time administrative/curriculum coordinator and eliminating the part-time custodian.

Decisions to eliminate positions and programs are never easy, but the administration and the boards have agreed to do that if they are warranted and we can minimize the educational impact to our students. We know that if enrollment trends continue to decline and funding continues to decrease, tougher choices will have to be made and further cuts may be necessary.

For 2009-10, the budget that we are presenting reflects a **6.6% increase** to the general fund, amounting to a **\$60,136 increase** in expenditures from last year's budget. While the administration and teachers have done an outstanding job cutting back on materials and supplies, we have had an unusually large number of high school students move into the district over the past year, which means that we have to budget for them going forward. This has placed a strain on our current operating budget and has resulted in a significant increase in our proposed budget.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. Many are faced with job losses, looming property tax bills, and we all face a crippling state and national economy. There is much to cause us concern, but there is also much to be proud of and to hold on to. Our schools, which have been recognized nationally as some of the best in the nation, are practically the only asset we have left in our community. We need to hold on to the outstanding academic and co-curricular programs that have been so successful and that have prepared our children to go on into the world either to further their education or join the work force or armed services.

However, we must continue looking toward the future and not always dwell on past glories and achievements.

As you know, the voters agreed to form a long-range planning committee composed of citizens from Northumberland, Stark, and Stratford to review enrollment and cost per pupil trends, academic offerings, and the strengths and weaknesses of our current educational configuration. It was hoped that this committee could examine possible consolidation or re-organization in order to meet the needs of the students and the communities. The final report from the committee is inserted in the town report. While the committee opted to maintain the status quo for now, there was a great deal of positive dialogue about our need to continue to work together where possible in order to contain costs and provide greater educational opportunities for our children.

The three boards have continued discussions regarding the possibility of forging tuition agreements that will ultimately save money for the taxpayers and provide our students with an outstanding education. This will continue to take a great deal of communication, patience, and a willingness to approach these issues with open minds as we examine the opportunities presented to us. We know there are tough choices ahead of us, but we need to continue to work together to make sure that the students and their futures remain the focus of our discussions and debates.

Finally, I would like to applaud the staff and students for their successes and accomplishments this past year. I want to thank Principal Shelli Roberts for her hard work and service. Shelli has done an outstanding job for the district under some challenging circumstances. The central office staff has also worked tirelessly to provide detailed information for all the various committees and individuals who have requested information and I appreciate all the hours they have dedicated to supporting the administrative

team. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Fred Bailey for his dedication and continued service. We are fortunate to have such people working with our students and for our community.

Please know that I am always available if you wish to discuss concerns or how we might make our schools better. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Ladd  
Superintendent of Schools

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**Stark Village School**  
Principal's Report  
2008-2009

The 2008-2009 school year has been a busy one! We began the academic year with a newly developed vision and mission for the Stark Village School.

**Vision:**

Stark Village School recognizes that each child is an individual, that all children are creative and that all children need to succeed. We believe that education is not just about children; it encompasses families, parents, community, the environment, and the world. Our vision is to implement innovative techniques to enhance life long learning through the use of technology, the multiple intelligences, varied instructional strategies, and interdisciplinary units.

**Mission:**

Stark Village School respects the individual needs of children, fosters a caring and creative environment, and emphasizes the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child. As a professional learning community we work together to empower all students to become contributing members of society; equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world. Through a collaborative learning environment we encourage high expectations for success using developmentally appropriate data driven instruction while supporting individual differences and learning styles.

We were pleased that students met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in both mathematics and reading for the 2006-2007 school year and are hoping to do so for the second consecutive year, removing us from the District In Need of Improvement list generated by the State of New Hampshire Department of Education. The developed improvement plan has allowed staff to move forward in providing the best possible education for the students at the Stark Village School. Funds received from the approved plan allowed SVS to purchase Smart Boards for each of the classrooms, a research based mathematics program including manipulatives and calculators, and two computer based programs; Skills Tutor and Math Fact Fluency. Teachers

were trained in the areas of Differentiated Instruction, integrating technology into daily instruction, Professional Learning Communities, and in the use of data to enhance instruction and improve overall student performance. Students are being offered extended learning opportunities with an Afterschool Achievement Club, Lego Mindstorm Club, and Summer Enrichment Program. The staff and students at Stark Village School continue to work diligently at implementing the DINI/SINI Plan in an effort to provide the best education possible for our student's.

Recognition Assemblies continue to be held every three weeks and parents and community members are encouraged to attend. A Star student from each classroom is recognized each month based on a set of criteria which has been defined by the students themselves. Students and staff are also recognized for accomplishments both in and out of school.

The school welcomed a new Food Service Cook, Nikki Doolan, 4-6 grade teacher, Bridget Gagne, Secretary, Michelle Rogers, Librarian, Joy Keddy, and Art Teacher, Yuko Plambeck.

I am constantly amazed at the dedication and continued support of the staff, students, parents, and community members. Please stop in and see all of the learning that is taking place at the Stark Village School. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with various components of the day and encourage anyone interested to call the school and see how you can help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelli J. Roberts  
Teaching Principal

## **SAU 58**

### **Administrative/Curriculum Coordinator's Report**

### **2008-2009**

Each year SAU 58 schedules full and half-days for staff development training into the school calendar. This in-service training addresses one of our key goals which is the improvement of instruction. By helping our classroom personnel to better deliver curriculum content, we are able to enhance student learning. In-service training also assists our teachers with their recertification. We have found that in-district staff development is cost effective, because it reduces the amount of money budgeted to send educators out-of-district to attend workshops and conferences.

SAU 58 continues to work to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. One of the mandates of NCLB is that all teachers of core subject – mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, foreign language, music and art – must meet the federal and state definitions of a highly qualified teacher. We only have a few teachers who do not meet this standard, and we are working with these educators to attain highly qualified status through either the certification process, or by passing a standardized competency test (Praxis II).

The NH Department of Education requires that all teachers be certified educators, but schools often are forced to hire non-certified educators in order to fill vacancies. In our SAU we have five educators working to attain certification via an Alternative IV or an Alternative V plan. Educators on Alternative IV plans have three years to complete certification requirements, and those on Alternative V plans have one year.

It is the goal of every school district to have their schools be designated as an approved school by the Department of

Education. Being so designated means that the school meets all the minimum standards mandated by the DOE> Maintaining an approved school status is important, not only because approved schools provide the necessary programs and services for students of the twenty-first century, but because approved schools attract tuition students from towns that have no schools. The approved status for our schools will require the hard work of our school personnel, the SAU office, the local school boards and most importantly, the citizens in the communities. Working together can make this happen.

This past summer SAU 58 had fewer staff vacancies than has been the case in the past years. However, our building principals spent a considerable amount of time trying to hire certified/highly qualified teachers. We continue to find the candidate pool in many teaching areas rather small. Due to the nation-wide teacher shortage, the current economic situation and our geographic location, filling our vacancies will continue to be a challenge for all of our schools. Despite these issues, SAU 58 will work tirelessly to make sure that every teacher vacancy will be filled with the most competent educator we can hire. Our schools and our students deserve this.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Bailey

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL  
HEALTH SERVICES  
2007-2008**

Screenings 28 – Students screened for height and weight  
33 – Students screened for B/P  
28 – Students screened for vision  
28 – Students screened for hearing  
7 – Students screened for scoliosis

Referrals 14 – Vision, hearing, and blood pressure referrals  
5 – Scoliosis referrals

Physicals Mailed information to parents Gr. 4 & 6

Pediculosis 190 – Head lice checks conducted

Pre – School Registrations – 2

Evaluated for health/injuries

4 – Evaluated by nurse  
2 – MD referrals by nurse  
First Aid – 3, Referrals – 2

Programs

Growing up series – 5 & 6 grades, Wellness/Blood borne Pathogens  
Reviewed Epi pen procedure  
Asthma Inhaler request – information letter mailed home  
Health Update request sent home  
Lice information sent home K-6  
Tick, Mosquitoes, Sun safety information sent home K-6  
Flu vaccine clinic for staff – 2

Attended

DHMC – Nursing Education day  
Nurse In-service day at WMRHS sponsored by WMC  
Completed two Nursing 2007 articles for CH  
Suicide Prevention workshop  
Attended Court Diversion educational meeting  
NHHK education meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Meunier, RN

## **STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY**

The parents, teachers, administrators and school board of the Stark Village School are committed to the belief that all students have a right to an excellent education.

It is accepted that learning is a lifelong process; related to all cultural factors; concrete and abstract; a result of experiences and interactions within one's environment; an experience which develops motor, cognitive, and effective skills; a right and a responsibility which children must accept; a process of self-fulfillment; and a process enhanced by competent instructors.

Therefore, the Stark Village School and the entire community seek to provide:

- ◆ Curriculums that offer opportunities to students and staff to acquire a broad awareness of themselves as part of a local, regional, and world community
- ◆ Comprehensive education that prepares all students to function well in a technological society
- ◆ Quality facilities, materials, and resources
- ◆ Competent and certified teachers and administration
- ◆ Conscientious support personnel
- ◆ Comprehensive services including guidance, healthy foods, and safe transportation
- ◆ Proper financial support for programs, staff, and facilities

## RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

As the parent or guardian of a child who may require or who is receiving special education and/or related services, you have the following rights:

- You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.
- You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special education referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.
- You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.
- You have the right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local education agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local education agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.
- If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the School Board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state-appointed due process hearing officer.
- At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training or by an attorney and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- After this hearing you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and the decisions of the hearing at no cost.
- If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.
- During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

## **TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972**

Public Law 92-318

Subpart A, Section 86.8 of Title IX requires public notification that the Stark School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age or handicapping condition under the provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. The Stark School District hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and residents that complaints and grievances for noncompliance with any of the provisions of Title IX are to be referred to:

Carl M. Ladd  
Title IX Hearing Officer  
SAU #58  
15 Preble Street  
Groveton, NH 03582  
Tel. 603-636-1437

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Stark School District are hereby notified that the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries regarding the compliance of the Stark School District with the regulations of implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact:

Shelli Roberts  
Section 504 Coordinator  
Stark Village School  
1192 Stark Highway  
Stark, NH 03582  
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2/4/2009

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY

|                            | CURR. YR. BUDGET<br>08-09 | PROPOSED BUDGET<br>09-10 | Difference       |   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| GEN. ED.                   | 878,135.00                | 930,946.00               | 52,811.00        | A |
| FOOD SERVICE               | 31,178.00                 | 38,503.00                | 7,325.00         | B |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>909,313.00</b>         | <b>969,449.00</b>        | <b>60,136.00</b> |   |
| FED. FUNDS                 |                           |                          |                  |   |
| TITLE I                    | 15,000.00                 | 15,000.00                | 0.00             |   |
| REAP                       | 7,000.00                  | 7,000.00                 | 0.00             |   |
| <b>TOTAL FED. FUNDS</b>    | <b>22,000.00</b>          | <b>22,000.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>      |   |
| <b>Budget Prop/Warrant</b> | <b>931,313.00</b>         | <b>991,449.00</b>        | <b>60,136.00</b> |   |
| <b>Trust Fund/Warrant:</b> |                           |                          |                  |   |
| CAPITAL RES. MAINT         | 16,700.00                 | 25,000.00                | 8,300.00         | c |
| CAPITAL RES. SPED          | 0.00                      | 0.00                     | 0.00             |   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$948,013.00</b>       | <b>\$1,016,449.00</b>    | <b>68,436.00</b> |   |

A. Tuition 8 additional students next year, decrease in salaries for a retired position, added professional services to special education, Summer School and After School programs added, decrease in SAU Management %'s, increase maintenance (fuel), increase in special education administration %'s for in-school personnel, added single health plan for Title I para.

B. Added a single health plan to the full time cafeteria position.

C. Increase to projected trust fund transfer at the end of the year.

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE BUDGETS**

2/4/2009

Description

2008/2009  
APPROVED  
BUDGET

2009/2010  
PROPOSED  
BUDGET

DIFF +/-

**REGULAR INSTRUCTION**

|                            |                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| SALARIES                   | \$ 125,383.53        | \$ 98,337.17         | \$ (27,046.36)      |
| SALARIES-SUBSTITUTES       | \$ 3,500.00          | \$ 3,500.00          | \$ -                |
| HEALTH INSURANCE           | \$ 34,472.09         | \$ 40,717.50         | \$ 6,245.41         |
| LIFE & DISABILITY          | \$ 907.20            | \$ 630.26            | \$ (276.94)         |
| FICA                       | \$ 9,591.84          | \$ 7,522.79          | \$ (2,069.05)       |
| EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT        | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                |
| TEACHERS' RETIREMENT       | \$ 6,429.20          | \$ 6,468.59          | \$ 39.39            |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT      | \$ 3,160.00          | \$ 2,200.00          | \$ (960.00)         |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP          | \$ 98.88             | \$ 82.67             | \$ (16.21)          |
| WORKMAN'S COMP             | \$ 739.76            | \$ 580.44            | \$ (159.32)         |
| REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE        | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ -                |
| COPIER RENTAL              | \$ 1,500.00          | \$ 1,500.00          | \$ -                |
| TUITION/PUBLIC-ELEM.       | \$ 77,476.00         | \$ 114,831.00        | \$ 37,355.00        |
| TUITION/PUBLIC-HIGH SCHOOL | \$ 313,867.00        | \$ 347,940.00        | \$ 34,073.00        |
| SUPPLIES                   | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 1,327.00          | \$ (2,673.00)       |
| TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICAL       | \$ 512.16            | \$ 1,251.00          | \$ 738.84           |
| INTERNET FILTER SOFTWARE   | \$ 794.46            | \$ -                 | \$ (794.46)         |
| ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT       | \$ 275.00            | \$ 900.00            | \$ 625.00           |
| ALTERNATE EDUCATION        | \$ 5,000.00          | \$ 5,150.00          | \$ 150.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 588,707.12</b> | <b>\$ 633,938.42</b> | <b>\$ 45,231.30</b> |

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

|                                   |                     |                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SALARIES                          | \$ 21,424.00        | \$ 18,746.00        | \$ (2,678.00)       |
| SALARY-PARAPROFESSIONALS          | \$ -                | \$ 11,670.75        | \$ 11,670.75        |
| HEALTH INSURANCE                  | \$ 7,382.35         | \$ 6,387.15         | \$ (995.20)         |
| LIFE & DISABILITY                 | \$ 141.12           | \$ 123.48           | \$ (17.64)          |
| FICA                              | \$ 1,638.94         | \$ 2,326.88         | \$ 687.94           |
| EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| TEACHER'S RETIREMENT              | \$ 1,242.59         | \$ 1,304.72         | \$ 62.13            |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP                 | \$ 9.60             | \$ 32.40            | \$ 22.80            |
| WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE           | \$ 126.40           | \$ 179.46           | \$ 53.06            |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL ELEM | \$ 5,302.00         | \$ 2,255.00         | \$ (3,047.00)       |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL MS   | \$ 4,679.00         | \$ -                | \$ (4,679.00)       |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL HS   | \$ 3,627.00         | \$ 17,748.00        | \$ 14,121.00        |
| TUITION-PUBLIC                    | \$ 13,006.84        | \$ 13,006.84        | \$ -                |
| TUITION-PRIVATE                   | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| TRAVEL EXPENSE                    | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           | \$ -                |
| SUPPLIES                          | \$ 377.15           | \$ 200.00           | \$ (177.15)         |
| SPED SOFTWARE                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 59,256.99</b> | <b>\$ 74,280.68</b> | <b>\$ 15,023.69</b> |

| 2/4/2009                          | 2008/2009          | 2009/2010          |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Description                       | APPROVED           | PROPOSED           | DIFF +/-           |
| SPEECH SERVICES                   | BUDGET             | BUDGET             |                    |
| TESTING SUPPLIES                  | \$ 250.00          | \$ -               | \$ (250.00)        |
| SPEECH SUPPLIES                   | \$ 303.29          | \$ -               | \$ (303.29)        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 553.29</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ (553.29)</b> |
| <b>CO-CURRICULAR/OTHER INST.</b>  |                    |                    |                    |
| SUPPLIES                          | \$ 208.78          | \$ 181.00          | \$ (27.78)         |
| SUMMER SCHOOL SALARY              | \$ -               | \$ 1,410.00        | \$ 1,410.00        |
| SUMMER SCHOOL FICA                | \$ -               | \$ 108.00          | \$ 108.00          |
| SUMMER SCHOOL RETIREMENT          | \$ -               | \$ 99.00           | \$ 99.00           |
| AFTER SCHOOL SALARY               | \$ -               | \$ 3,285.00        | \$ 3,285.00        |
| AFTER SCHOOL FICA                 | \$ -               | \$ 352.00          | \$ 352.00          |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL-ASSEMBLY       | \$ 550.00          | \$ 550.00          | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 758.78</b>   | <b>\$ 5,985.00</b> | <b>\$ 5,226.22</b> |
| <b>GUIDANCE</b>                   |                    |                    |                    |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL      | \$ 4,842.79        | \$ 4,937.48        | \$ 94.69           |
| SUPPLIES                          | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 4,842.79</b> | <b>\$ 4,937.48</b> | <b>\$ 94.69</b>    |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                     |                    |                    |                    |
| OTHER PROF-TECHNICAL              | \$ 2,750.00        | \$ 2,750.00        | \$ -               |
| REPAIR/MAINTENANCE                | \$ 25.00           | \$ -               | \$ (25.00)         |
| TRAVEL                            | \$ 100.00          | \$ 100.00          | \$ -               |
| SUPPLIES                          | \$ 200.00          | \$ 101.00          | \$ (99.00)         |
| ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT              | \$ 583.00          | \$ 94.00           | \$ (489.00)        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 3,658.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,045.00</b> | <b>\$ (613.00)</b> |
| <b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b> |                    |                    |                    |
| IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION        | \$ 3,600.00        | \$ 3,800.00        | \$ 200.00          |
| EXPENSE/TRAVEL                    | \$ 600.00          | \$ 936.00          | \$ 336.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 4,200.00</b> | <b>\$ 4,736.00</b> | <b>\$ 536.00</b>   |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>          |                    |                    |                    |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES               | \$ 502.40          | \$ 561.00          | \$ 58.60           |
| REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE               | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| RENTAL                            | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| SUPPLIES                          | \$ 80.00           | \$ 84.00           | \$ 4.00            |
| TEXTBOOKS/PERIODICALS             | \$ 120.00          | \$ 119.00          | \$ (1.00)          |
| SOFTWARE                          | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 702.40</b>   | <b>\$ 764.00</b>   | <b>\$ 61.60</b>    |

| 2/4/2009                       | 2008/2009           | 2009/2010           |                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                | APPROVED            | PROPOSED            |                       |
| Description                    | BUDGET              | BUDGET              | DIFF +/-              |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR</b>  |                     |                     |                       |
| TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION         | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                  |
| FICA                           | \$ 174.42           | \$ 229.50           | \$ 55.08              |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.             | \$ 6.84             | \$ 9.00             | \$ 2.16               |
| WORKER'S COMP                  | \$ 13.45            | \$ 17.70            | \$ 4.25               |
| TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR         | \$ 2,280.00         | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 720.00             |
| COMPUTER REPAIR & MAINT.       | \$ 600.00           | \$ 600.00           | \$ -                  |
| SUPPLIES                       | \$ 750.00           | \$ 150.00           | \$ (600.00)           |
| SOFTWARE                       | \$ 650.00           | \$ 877.00           | \$ 227.00             |
|                                | <b>\$ 4,474.71</b>  | <b>\$ 4,883.20</b>  | <b>\$ 408.49</b>      |
| <b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>   |                     |                     |                       |
| SALARIES                       | \$ 4,310.00         | \$ 4,310.00         | \$ -                  |
| FICA                           | \$ 312.00           | \$ 330.00           | \$ 18.00              |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL   | \$ 100.00           | \$ 100.00           | \$ -                  |
| OTHER PROF LEGAL               | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,500.00         | \$ 500.00             |
| OTHER PROF AUDIT               | \$ 4,000.00         | \$ 4,200.00         | \$ 200.00             |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE            | \$ 500.00           | \$ -                | \$ (500.00)           |
| POSTAGE/PETTY CASH             | \$ 100.00           | \$ 100.00           | \$ -                  |
| ADVERTISING                    | \$ 2,300.00         | \$ 2,500.00         | \$ 200.00             |
| PRINTING & BINDING             | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                  |
| DUES/FEES                      | \$ 2,100.00         | \$ 2,300.00         | \$ 200.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ 14,722.00</b> | <b>\$ 15,340.00</b> | <b>\$ 618.00</b>      |
| <b>SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b> |                     |                     |                       |
| SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES        | \$ 81,709.21        | \$ 60,038.06        | \$ (21,671.15)        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ 81,709.21</b> | <b>\$ 60,038.06</b> | <b>\$ (21,671.15)</b> |
| <b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>   |                     |                     |                       |
| SALARIES                       | \$ 5,356.00         | \$ 5,356.00         | \$ -                  |
| SALARY-SECRETARY               | \$ 12,051.00        | \$ 13,545.00        | \$ 1,494.00           |
| HEALTH INSURANCE               | \$ 1,845.59         | \$ 1,824.90         | \$ (20.69)            |
| LIFE & DISABILITY              | \$ 35.28            | \$ 35.28            | \$ -                  |
| FICA                           | \$ 1,331.63         | \$ 1,445.92         | \$ 114.29             |
| ADMIN TUITION REIMBURSEMENT    | \$ 1,400.00         | \$ 1,400.00         | \$ -                  |
| TEACHER RETIREMENT             | \$ 310.65           | \$ 372.78           | \$ 62.13              |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP              | \$ 26.40            | \$ 26.27            | \$ (0.13)             |
| WORKMAN'S COMP                 | \$ 102.70           | \$ 111.52           | \$ 8.82               |
| POSTAGE/PETTY CASH             | \$ 200.00           | \$ 200.00           | \$ -                  |
| EXPENSE/TRAVEL                 | \$ 600.00           | \$ 1,170.00         | \$ 570.00             |
| SUPPLIES                       | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           | \$ -                  |
| TEXTBOOKS                      | \$ -                | \$ 175.00           | \$ 175.00             |
| SOFTWARE                       | \$ 1,747.50         | \$ 500.00           | \$ (1,247.50)         |
| EQUIPMENT                      | \$ 220.00           | \$ 220.00           | \$ -                  |
| DUES/FEES                      | \$ 600.00           | \$ 600.00           | \$ -                  |

| 2/4/2009                         | 2008/2009           | 2009/2010           |                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                                  | APPROVED            | PROPOSED            |                    |
| Description                      | BUDGET              | BUDGET              | DIFF +/-           |
| GRADUATION                       | \$ 100.00           | \$ 100.00           | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$ 26,226.75</b> | <b>\$ 27,382.67</b> | <b>\$ 1,155.92</b> |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION |                     |                     |                    |
| SALARY                           | \$ 3,385.33         | \$ 6,164.89         | \$ 2,779.56        |
| HEALTH INSURANCE                 | \$ -                | \$ 912.45           | \$ 912.45          |
| LIFE & DISABILITY                | \$ -                | \$ 17.64            | \$ 17.64           |
| FICA                             | \$ 258.98           | \$ 471.62           | \$ 212.64          |
| RETIREMENT                       | \$ -                | \$ 186.39           | \$ 186.39          |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP                | \$ -                | \$ 11.66            | \$ 11.66           |
| WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE          | \$ -                | \$ 36.37            | \$ 36.37           |
| TRAVEL                           | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| SUPPLIES                         | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| DUES & FEES                      | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$ 3,644.31</b>  | <b>\$ 7,801.02</b>  | <b>\$ 4,156.71</b> |
| OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT |                     |                     |                    |
| SALARIES                         | \$ 9,962.16         | \$ 10,261.03        | \$ 298.87          |
| SALARY - SUMMER MAINTENANCE      | \$ 2,865.46         | \$ 4,290.42         | \$ 1,424.96        |
| FICA                             | \$ 981.31           | \$ 1,113.18         | \$ 131.87          |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP                | \$ 24.00            | \$ 28.02            | \$ 4.02            |
| WORKMAN'S COMP                   | \$ 391.24           | \$ 443.82           | \$ 52.58           |
| PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL WATER     | \$ 1,400.00         | \$ 900.00           | \$ (500.00)        |
| GROUNDS WORK                     | \$ 750.00           | \$ 750.00           | \$ -               |
| REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE              | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ (1,000.00)      |
| EQUIPMENT RENTAL                 | \$ 150.00           | \$ 150.00           | \$ -               |
| PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT             | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| PROPERTY INSURANCE               | \$ 3,650.00         | \$ 3,850.00         | \$ 200.00          |
| TELEPHONE                        | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ -               |
| INTERNET SERVICE                 | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| SUPPLIES                         | \$ 2,450.00         | \$ 2,450.00         | \$ -               |
| ELECTRICITY                      | \$ 6,200.00         | \$ 5,128.00         | \$ (1,072.00)      |
| BOTTLED GAS                      | \$ 550.00           | \$ 850.00           | \$ 300.00          |
| FUEL OIL                         | \$ 9,000.00         | \$ 11,800.00        | \$ 2,800.00        |
| FURNITURE & FIXTURES             | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$ 43,374.17</b> | <b>\$ 46,014.47</b> | <b>\$ 2,640.30</b> |
| TRANSPORTATION                   |                     |                     |                    |
| SALARY-FIELD TRIPS               | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ (1,000.00)      |
| TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-ELEM     | \$ 21,617.46        | \$ 16,320.00        | \$ (5,297.46)      |
| TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-HS       | \$ 17,687.02        | \$ 24,480.00        | \$ 6,792.98        |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| GAS/DIESEL ELEM                  | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| GAS/DIESEL HS                    | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$ 41,304.48</b> | <b>\$ 41,800.00</b> | <b>\$ 495.52</b>   |

| 2/4/2009                                | 2008/2009            | 2009/2010              |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                         | APPROVED             | PROPOSED               |                     |
| Description                             | BUDGET               | BUDGET                 | DIFF +/-            |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>     | \$ 878,135.00        | \$ 930,946.00          | \$ 52,811.00        |
| <b>SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM</b>             |                      |                        |                     |
| SALARIES - CAFETERIA                    | \$ 14,571.41         | \$ 16,096.33           | \$ 1,524.92         |
| HEALTH INS                              | \$ -                 | \$ 6,672.00            | \$ 6,672.00         |
| FICA/ CAFETERIA                         | \$ 1,114.71          | \$ 1,231.37            | \$ 116.66           |
| RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE                     | \$ 1,273.54          | \$ 1,463.16            | \$ 189.62           |
| WORKERS COMP                            | \$ 24.00             | \$ 24.00               | \$ -                |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP                       | \$ 444.34            | \$ 491.14              | \$ 46.80            |
| REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE                     | \$ 500.00            | \$ 900.00              | \$ 400.00           |
| EXPENSE/TRAVEL                          | \$ 350.00            | \$ 350.00              | \$ -                |
| SUPPLIES/CAFETERIA                      | \$ 650.00            | \$ 650.00              | \$ -                |
| FOOD--CAFETERIA                         | \$ 11,000.00         | \$ 10,000.00           | \$ (1,000.00)       |
| ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT                    | \$ 1,100.00          | \$ 150.00              | \$ (950.00)         |
| REPLACEMENT EQUIP.-CAFETERIA            | \$ 150.00            | \$ 475.00              | \$ 325.00           |
| DUES/FEES                               | \$ -                 | \$ -                   | \$ -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$ 31,178.00</b>  | <b>\$ 38,503.00</b>    | <b>\$ 7,325.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; FOOD SERVICE</b> | <b>\$ 909,313.00</b> | <b>\$ 969,449.00</b>   | <b>\$ 60,136.00</b> |
| <b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                    |                      |                        |                     |
| TITLE I                                 | \$ 15,000.00         | \$ 15,000.00           | \$ -                |
| REAP                                    | \$ 7,000.00          | \$ 7,000.00            | \$ -                |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>              | <b>\$ 22,000.00</b>  | <b>\$ 22,000.00</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL TO APPROPRIATE</b>       | <b>\$ 931,313.00</b> | <b>\$ 991,449.00</b>   | <b>\$ 60,136.00</b> |
| <b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>                 |                      |                        |                     |
| CAPITAL RESERVE MAINT                   | \$ 16,700.00         | \$ 25,000.00           | \$ 8,300.00         |
| CAPITAL RESERVE SPED                    | \$ -                 | \$ -                   | \$ -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$ 16,700.00</b>  | <b>\$ 25,000.00</b>    | <b>\$ 8,300.00</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 948,013.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,016,449.00</b> | <b>\$ 68,436.00</b> |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT**

2/4/2009

|                                   | (MS-24)<br>CURRENT<br><u>2008-2009</u> | ESTIMATED<br><u>2009-2010</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>LOCAL REVENUES</u></b>      |                                        |                               |
| Earnings on Investments           | 2,000.00                               | 2,000.00                      |
| School Food Service Sales         | 5,000.00                               | 5,000.00                      |
| Other Local Revenue               |                                        |                               |
| <b><u>STATE REVENUES</u></b>      |                                        |                               |
| Child Nutrition                   | 147.00                                 | 100.00                        |
| <b><u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u></b>    |                                        |                               |
| Child Nutrition                   | 6,000.00                               | 6,000.00                      |
| Medicaid                          | 2,000.00                               | 2,000.00                      |
| Other Federal Sources (94-142)    | 15,000.00                              | 15,000.00                     |
| Federal Forest Funds              | 14,478.00                              | 14,000.00                     |
| <b>LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REV.</b>   | <u>44,625.00</u>                       | <u>44,100.00</u>              |
| <b>FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS</b>     | 30,000.00                              | 22,000.00                     |
| <b>FUND BALANCE</b>               |                                        |                               |
| Placed into Capital Reserve       | 16,700.00                              | 25,000.00                     |
| Unreserved to Reduce Taxes        | <u>0.00</u>                            | <u>0.00</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT</b> | 91,325.00                              | 91,100.00                     |
| <b>ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT</b>   | 352,209.00                             | 340,688.00                    |
| <b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</b>        |                                        |                               |
| State Education Tax               | 109,813.00                             | 109,813.00                    |
| Local Education Tax               | <u>394,666.00</u>                      | <u>474,848.00</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT</b>       | 504,479.00                             | 584,661.00                    |
| <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED</b> | <b>948,013.00</b>                      | <b>1,016,449.00</b>           |

# STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

2/4/2009

## Estimated Stark Tax Rate:

## School Portion Only

|                                                                | 2008/2009         | 2009/2010           | Diff +/-           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                               |                   |                     |                    |
| Appropriations Voted:                                          |                   |                     |                    |
| General Fund                                                   | 878,135.00        | 930,946.00          |                    |
| Capital Reserve                                                | 16,700.00         | 25,000.00           |                    |
| Lunch Program                                                  | 31,178.00         | 38,503.00           |                    |
| Federal Funds                                                  | 22,000.00         | 22,000.00           |                    |
| <b>Total Appropriation</b>                                     | <b>948,013.00</b> | <b>1,016,449.00</b> | <b>68,436.00</b>   |
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                               |                   |                     |                    |
| Surplus placed into Capital Reserve                            | 16,700.00         | 25,000.00           |                    |
| Minus money left from last year's Budget:                      | 0.00              | 0.00                |                    |
| Federal Revenues                                               | 67,478.00         | 59,000.00           |                    |
| General Revenues                                               | 7,147.00          | 7,100.00            |                    |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                          | <b>91,325.00</b>  | <b>91,100.00</b>    | <b>(225.00)</b>    |
| <b>Equals amount before grant:</b>                             | <b>856,688.00</b> | <b>925,349.00</b>   | <b>68,661.00</b>   |
| <b>Minus State Education Grant:</b>                            | <b>352,209.00</b> | <b>340,688.00</b>   | <b>(11,521.00)</b> |
| <b>Amount to be raised by taxes:</b>                           | <b>504,479.00</b> | <b>584,661.00</b>   | <b>80,182.00</b>   |
| State School Property Tax (raised locally)<br>(state = \$2.14) | 109,813.00        | 109,813.00          |                    |
| Local School Property Tax:                                     | 394,666.00        | 474,848.00          | 80,182.00          |
| Total Actual & Estimated Local Sch. Tax Rate:                  | 6.26              | 7.53                | 1.27               |
| State School Property Tax Rate:                                | 2.18              | 2.18                | 0.00               |
| <b>Total State &amp; Local School Tax Rate:</b>                | <b>8.45</b>       | <b>9.71</b>         | <b>1.27</b>        |

\* Based upon \$63,045,812 net assessed valuation and \$50,414,112 net assessment - utilities

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Vendor List 7/1/2007-6/30/2008**

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| AL'S PLUMBING & HEATING              | \$2,857.39  |
| BAKER, KELLY                         | \$259.71    |
| BALDWIN COOKE                        | \$78.78     |
| BLICK ART MATERIALS                  | \$278.41    |
| BOYNTON, JAY C.                      | \$1,230.00  |
| BROADVIEW NETWORKS, INC.             | \$1,361.27  |
| BURLINGTON FOOD SERVICE              | \$442.28    |
| C.N. BROWN COMPANY                   | \$3,000.00  |
| CALEDONIAN RECORD                    | \$107.00    |
| CAPITAL ALARM SYSTEMS                | \$139.60    |
| CARGILL KITCHEN SOLUTIONS            | \$33.26     |
| CARSON-DELLOSA PUBLISHING            | \$47.92     |
| CHAUVETTE, JENNIFER                  | \$118.16    |
| CLARK, PAMELA L.                     | \$2,730.00  |
| CLASSROOMDIRECT.COM                  | \$237.11    |
| COLLABORATIVE LEARNING, INC          | \$297.00    |
| COMPUTER PRODUCTS FOR EDUCATION, INC | \$252.85    |
| CONSTRUCTIVE PLAYTHINGS              | \$30.97     |
| CROTEAU, DONALD                      | \$440.00    |
| CURTIS, JOSHUA                       | \$50.00     |
| DELTA EDUCATION                      | \$30.90     |
| DESKTEK GROUP INC, THE               | \$3,183.52  |
| DOOLAN, NIKKI SUE                    | \$56.48     |
| EICH, JAMES                          | \$135.00    |
| EMERSON & SON                        | \$180.15    |
| ETA CUISENAIRE                       | \$117.54    |
| FIRST STUDENT, INC.                  | \$36,851.85 |
| FOOD SERVICE WAREHOUSE.COM           | \$1,194.00  |
| FRIZZELL, EVERETT R.                 | \$1,995.47  |
| GOPHER SPORTS EQUIPMENT              | \$272.53    |
| GREAT NORTHWOODS JOURNAL             | \$202.58    |
| GROVETON VILLAGE STORE               | \$1,965.16  |
| HAMMOND & STEPHENS                   | \$232.31    |
| HAMPSTEAD STAGE COMPANY              | \$445.50    |
| HIGHSMITH INC                        | \$1,258.13  |
| HOOD                                 | \$1,334.56  |
| HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY             | \$3,035.00  |
| HP-ATTN: GEM Order Entry             | \$3,450.00  |
| INDIAN STREAM HEALTH CENTER          | \$149.00    |
| IRVING, CARRIE                       | \$69.66     |

|                                                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| JEWELL, KELLY                                   | \$147.68     |
| JORDAN ASSOCIATES                               | \$933.17     |
| JTM PROVISIONS CO                               | \$78.00      |
| KEDDY, FRANCIS                                  | \$140.00     |
| KEDDY, JOY L.                                   | \$257.50     |
| KIPP ALARM SERVICE                              | \$1,473.60   |
| KOFFEE KUP BAKERY, INC                          | \$40.95      |
| LADD, CARL                                      | \$19.90      |
| LANCASTER FLORAL DESIGN                         | \$50.00      |
| LEARNING CYCLES, LLC                            | \$242.00     |
| LGC HEALTH TRUST                                | \$1,115.98   |
| LIBRARY STORE, THE                              | \$63.36      |
| LINGUI SYSTEMS                                  | \$425.75     |
| LYNDONVILLE OFFICE EQUIP                        | \$61.99      |
| MACDONALD, PAMELA                               | \$82.17      |
| MACMILLAN/MCGRAW-HILL                           | \$1,278.90   |
| MENTORING MINDS                                 | \$105.65     |
| MEUNIER, DOROTHY                                | \$80.08      |
| MORNEAU, RENNY E.                               | \$500.00     |
| MULTI-STATE BILLING                             | \$35.92      |
| NARDONE BROS. BAKING CO                         | \$116.05     |
| NATIONAL SCHOOL PRODUCTS                        | \$148.42     |
| NCES (NORTH COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES)       | \$11,324.22  |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION | \$210.00     |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE STAFF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL         | \$825.00     |
| NEWELL'S HOME REPAIR                            | \$7,115.00   |
| NEWS & SENTINEL                                 | \$510.79     |
| NEWTON, CRYSTAL J                               | \$418.56     |
| NH DEPT OF ENVIR. SERVICE                       | \$12.00      |
| NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM                            | \$54.94      |
| NH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (NHSBA)            | \$3,855.54   |
| NHASP-NH ASSOC OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS             | \$440.00     |
| NICKY'S COMMUNICATOR                            | \$85.00      |
| NORTHEAST FOUNDATION for CHILDREN               | \$93.00      |
| NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL DIS                       | \$442,052.81 |
| NWEA NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION           | \$75.00      |
| ORIENTAL TRADING                                | \$56.73      |
| ORIGINAL CRISPY PIZZA OF BOSTON, INC            | \$1,222.01   |
| PEARSON LEARNING                                | \$3,226.64   |
| PERRAS ACE, INC                                 | \$269.88     |
| PLODZIK & SANDERSON                             | \$2,361.50   |
| PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY                       | \$270.00     |
| PORTER OFFICE MACHINES                          | \$1,454.03   |
| PRIMEX                                          | \$49,356.77  |

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| PRINCIPAL LIFE                         | \$53.55     |
| PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF NH               | \$5,296.06  |
| QUILL CORPORATION                      | \$54.96     |
| R & J REFRIGERATION                    | \$390.78    |
| RANDALL, MICHELLE                      | \$93.10     |
| RDJ SPECIALTIES, INC.                  | \$359.26    |
| REALLY GOOD STUFF                      | \$217.65    |
| RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES               | \$1,000.90  |
| RESTAURANT NEWS                        | \$44.95     |
| ROBERTS, SHELLI                        | \$4,532.58  |
| RON'S ELECTRIC                         | \$60.00     |
| RYMES PROPANE & OILS, INC              | \$8,346.96  |
| SALMON PRESS                           | \$898.50    |
| SAU #58                                | \$85,201.85 |
| SCHOLASTIC, INC                        | \$545.39    |
| SCHOOL SPECIALTY                       | \$120.33    |
| SCOTT FORESMAN                         | \$157.00    |
| SEARS                                  | \$1,074.99  |
| SHERWIN WILLIAMS                       | \$49.44     |
| SKILLSTUTOR-A HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY | \$3,035.00  |
| SMART APPLE MEDIA                      | \$0.00      |
| SPAULDING, NANCY                       | \$394.36    |
| STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL                   | \$934.61    |
| STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE                 | \$276.13    |
| Sugar River PDC                        | \$1,000.00  |
| SUNDANCE PUBLISHING                    | \$0.00      |
| SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS               | \$139.80    |
| SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION SEC               | \$269.50    |
| SWISH MAINTENANCE LIMITED              | \$1,755.85  |
| SYSCO FOOD SERVICE                     | \$6,109.20  |
| TEACHER DIRECT                         | \$946.48    |
| THE JM SMUCKER COMPANY                 | \$30.60     |
| TILTON, SANDRA                         | \$336.20    |
| TIME FOR KIDS                          | \$254.40    |
| TITLE I CONFERENCE                     | \$125.00    |
| TOWN OF GORHAM                         | \$100.00    |
| TREASURE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE        | \$50.00     |
| TREASURER, STATE OF NH                 | \$22.75     |
| TRI STATE FIRE PROTECTION, LLC.        | \$450.00    |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND                 | \$5,000.00  |
| UNH-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION              | \$107.70    |
| UNITED COMMODITY GROUP, INC            | \$1,309.25  |
| UNIV. OF OREGON                        | \$30.00     |
| WEEKLY READER PUBLISHING               | \$75.32     |

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER                  | \$2,038.00   |
| WHITE MOUNTAIN CHALET & CATERERS, INC | \$864.00     |
| WHITE MOUNTAIN MULCH PROD             | \$150.00     |
| WHITE MT REG SCHOOL DIST              | \$11,950.41  |
| WILES, DEAN                           | \$72.00      |
| WILLIAM V. MACGILL & CO               | \$118.84     |
| ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION              | \$164.00     |
| 135 Vendors Listed.                   | \$749,445.19 |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

| DESCRIPTION                    | GENERAL           | SPECIAL<br>REVENUE | FOOD<br>SERVICE  | TRUST<br>FUND   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>LOCAL REVENUE:</b>          |                   |                    |                  |                 |
| DISTRICT ASSESSMENT            | 343,696.00        |                    |                  |                 |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT         | 2,300.29          |                    |                  | 4,637.91        |
| OTHER LOCAL REVENUE            | 68.97             |                    |                  |                 |
| FOOD SERVICE SALES             |                   |                    | 4,311.55         |                 |
| TOTAL LOCAL                    | 346,065.26        | 0.00               | 4,311.55         | 4,637.91        |
| <b>STATE REVENUE:</b>          |                   |                    |                  |                 |
| ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)           | 352,209.00        |                    |                  |                 |
| ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)       | 112,873.00        |                    |                  |                 |
| OTHER STATE REVENUE            |                   |                    |                  |                 |
| CHILD NUTRITION                |                   |                    | 180.45           |                 |
| CATASTROPHIC AID               |                   |                    |                  |                 |
| TOTAL STATE                    | 465,082.00        | 0.00               | 180.45           | 0.00            |
| <b>FEDERAL REVENUE:</b>        |                   |                    |                  |                 |
| CHILD NUTRITION                |                   |                    | 5,702.06         |                 |
| MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS         | 1,412.38          |                    |                  |                 |
| DISABILITIES PROGRAMS          | 16,325.12         |                    |                  |                 |
| OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS            |                   | 37,736.31          |                  |                 |
| FEDERAL FOREST LAND            | 14,477.97         |                    |                  |                 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL                  | 32,215.47         | 37,736.31          | 5,702.06         | 0.00            |
| TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND | 0.00              | 0.00               | 35,991.44        | 5,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>           | <b>843,362.73</b> | <b>37,736.31</b>   | <b>46,185.50</b> | <b>9,637.91</b> |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

|                                            | <u>2006/2007</u>  | <u>2007/2008</u>  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                       | 52,409.63         | 66,362.45         |
|                                            |                   |                   |
| Revenues:                                  |                   |                   |
| Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142) | 15,372.00         | 16,325.12         |
| Medicaid Funds:                            | 2,979.55          | 1,412.38          |
| Adequacy Allocation:                       | <u>51,704.00</u>  | <u>63,668.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Revenues:</b>                     | 70,055.55         | 81,405.50         |
|                                            |                   |                   |
| <b>NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:</b>         | <b>-17,645.92</b> | <b>-15,043.05</b> |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

|                                 | SALARIES          | BENEFITS         | PURCHASED         | SUPPLIES         | PROPERTY      | OTHER            | TOTAL             |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Instruction</b>              |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  |                   |
| REGULAR PROGRAMS                | 123,840.87        | 46,117.03        | 421,026.21        | 4,016.99         | 501.50        |                  | 595,502.60        |
| SPECIAL PROGRAMS                | 16,200.09         | 10,303.53        | 31,685.25         | 867.04           |               |                  | 59,055.91         |
| VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS             |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS    |                   |                  | 550.00            | 419.39           |               |                  | 969.39            |
| <b>Support Services</b>         |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  |                   |
| STUDENT                         |                   |                  | 4,591.65          | 461.43           |               |                  | 5,053.08          |
| INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF             | 1,821.27          | 246.54           | 4,760.25          | 563.36           |               |                  | 7,391.42          |
| GENERAL ADMINISTRATION          | 3,894.16          | 299.34           | 94,505.98         | 2,126.29         |               |                  | 100,825.77        |
| SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION           | 19,515.32         | 4,395.52         | 1,526.88          | 866.14           | 136.45        | 1,410.25         | 27,850.56         |
| OPERATION/MAINTENANCE           | 13,107.00         | 1,398.88         | 18,816.08         | 18,813.76        |               |                  | 52,135.72         |
| STUDENT TRANSPORTATION          |                   |                  | 37,297.16         |                  |               |                  | 37,297.16         |
| <b>Other Outlays</b>            |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST. |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL          |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST           |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| <b>Fund Transfers</b>           |                   |                  |                   |                  |               |                  | 0.00              |
| TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS         |                   |                  |                   |                  |               | 5,000.00         | 5,000.00          |
| TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE        |                   |                  |                   |                  |               | 35,991.44        | 35,991.44         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>       | <b>178,378.71</b> | <b>62,760.84</b> | <b>614,759.46</b> | <b>28,134.40</b> | <b>637.95</b> | <b>42,401.69</b> | <b>927,073.05</b> |

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2008**

| ASSETS                                   | GENERAL    | FOOD<br>SERVICE | ALL<br>OTHER | CAPITAL<br>PROJECTS | TRUST<br>FUNDS |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Current Assets                           |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| CASH                                     | (9,827.98) |                 |              |                     | 126,977.60     |
| INVESTMENTS                              |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE                   |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| INTERFUND RECEIVABLE                     | 25,298.55  | 9,152.55        | -            |                     |                |
| INTERGOV'T RECEIVABLE                    |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| OTHER RECEIVABLES                        | 16,331.55  | 309.39          | 24,989.16    |                     |                |
| BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE                 |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| PREPAID EXPENSES                         |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| OTHER CURRENT ASSETS                     |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| Total Current Assets                     | 31,802.12  | 9,461.94        | 24,989.16    | -                   | 126,977.60     |
| <b>LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>       |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| Current Liabilities                      |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| INTERFUND PAYABLES                       | 9,240.55   | 309.39          | 24,989.16    |                     |                |
| INTERGOV'T PAYABLES                      |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| OTHER PAYABLES                           | (102.77)   | (88.00)         | -            |                     |                |
| CONTRACTS PAYABLE                        |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| ACCRUED EXPENSES                         | 5,963.50   | 9,240.55        | -            |                     |                |
| LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE                  |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS                       |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| DEFERRED REVENUES                        |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES                |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| Total Liabilities                        | 15,101.28  | 9,461.94        | 24,989.16    | -                   | -              |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                       |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| RESERVE FOR INVENTORIES                  |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES             |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES                 |            |                 |              |                     |                |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS    |            |                 |              |                     | 126,977.60     |
| UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE                  | 16,700.84  |                 |              |                     |                |
| Total Fund Equity                        | 16,700.84  | -               | -            | -                   | 126,977.60     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b> | 31,802.12  | 9,461.94        | 24,989.16    | -                   | 126,977.60     |

## Long Range Planning Committee

### Final Report

### December 2, 2008

In March 2008 each of the three participating communities voted to form a committee to explore re-organizational possibilities including but not limited to those outlined in RSA 195 and RSA 195-A, the statutes governing AREA Agreements and Cooperative School Districts. In April and May 2008 the three communities were solicited for citizens willing to serve on the committee. Names of volunteers were submitted to the respective school boards, who chose the following:

#### Members

|                 |                                                                                                         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Northumberland: | David Auger, Board member<br>Louise Collins, Community member<br>Elaine Connary, Community member       |
| Stark:          | Danforth Peel, Board member<br>Everett Frizzell, Community member<br>William Joyce, Community member    |
| Stratford:      | E. Harlan Connary, Board member<br>Claire Martineau, Community member<br>Daniel Smith, Community member |

The committee met for its initial meeting on June 12, 2008 at the Groveton High School Library. The committee agreed to have Superintendent Ladd facilitate the meetings. A presentation was given on historical patterns of declining enrollments and rising costs per pupil as well as enrollment projections based upon birth rate data for the past 10 years and student enrollment history for the past five years, calculated using a formula from the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (NHOEP):

SAU Enrollment has experienced a 29% decline from 1997-2008 (900 to 639)  
Projected enrollment 40% decline by 2017 to 358 students

Northumberland:  
Enrollment declined 25% from 1997-2008 (605 to 458)  
Projected enrollment 56% decline by 2017 to 242 students  
Cost per pupil increased 111% from 1997-2006 (\$5,123 to \$10,800)  
Projected cost per pupil based upon 8-year averages  
K-8: \$28,134 (61% increase)  
9-12: \$24,928 (57% increase)

Stark:  
Enrollment declined 53% from 1997-2008 (62 to 29)  
Projected enrollment 41% decline by 2017 to 16 students  
Cost per pupil increased 170% from 1997-2006 (\$5,089 to \$13,400)  
Projected cost per pupil based upon 8-year averages  
K-6: \$49,677 (270% increase)

Stratford:  
Enrollment declined 35% from 1997-2008 (233 to 152)  
Projected enrollment 35% to 89 students K-12  
Cost per pupil increased from 1997-2006

K-12: 74% (\$7,509 to \$13,303)

K-8: 68% (\$6,357 to \$10,702)

9-12: 74% (\$10,505 to \$18,302)

Projected cost per pupil based upon 8-year averages

K-8: \$25,821 (49% increase)

9-12: \$24,497 (26% increase)

The committee met consistently each month throughout the summer and fall, rotating their meetings between the three school districts. One of the activities the committee participated in was a beliefs exercise. The committee discussed and debated their community's beliefs regarding education and the schools. They arrived at consensus on the following beliefs that would guide their future discussions:

1. Education is a shared responsibility among the students, family, school and community.
2. Every student is equally important and can learn to their potential.
3. Individuals must take responsibility and be accountable for their actions in order to enjoy the rights and privileges society provides.
4. We must provide a globally competitive education by challenging students academically with diverse academic and co-curricular programs.
5. An academically and financially viable school is the center of the community.
6. Emotional, physical, social-well being and respectful environments enhance learning and life.

The committee members also explored the assumptions that were commonly agreed upon in order to better understand our current condition as well as our future condition as a school system. They explored demographics, resources, facilities, academics, co-curricular, legislation/regulation, economic climate, and technology. The following assumptions were made by the committee members:

#### Demographic Trends:

General population increases slightly, but school children population decreases

Increase of low income families

Distance in traveling to find work

Enrollment will continue to decline

SAU projections were before the mill closed and those projections now seem optimistic

#### Resources:

State and Federal funds will continue to decrease

Very challenging to continue receiving funding due to declining enrollments

#### Facilities:

Buildings will not be maintained (financially)

Older buildings must be worked on to increase efficiency and alternative heating

All buildings rated good, except Groveton Elementary and SAU office were rated poor

#### Academics:

- Must prepare children more in life long learning. Look at recent graduates and see what where they are after graduation
- Must prepare children for global economy
- Challenging for small schools with keeping up co-curricular and staying approved

#### Co-Curricular

- Cooperation between schools is necessary to continue programs
- Funding would be easier if shared among the SAU
- A child participating "underage" in order to field a team is not what is best for the child
- Could have more variety in clubs and/or sports if schools (SAU) shared

#### Legislation

- There will be more unfunded mandates by the state
- Restrictive, demanding legislation will continue to raise the bar
- No Child Left Behind is holding only the schools accountable. Parents and students should also be accountable
- SPED funding is a controlling factor
- SPED regulations will continue to increase and will grow into a bigger financial burden for local communities

#### Economic Climate:

- No single bullet fix...
- All communities will become more like a retirement community, which will make funding even harder
- What businesses are here are feeling the hit and the chances of closing are very real
- Recreational communities do not provide high paying jobs

#### Technology

- It changes quickly and is very costly to keep up
- Technology in the community is very important to keep and bring people in
- Will have to continue to use more specific broadband media and share teachers and classes across the SAU
- Will need to use more virtual field trips to save on transportation costs

After the beliefs and assumptions were agreed upon as a framework in which to conduct discussions and analyze scenarios, the SAU office was requested to provide estimated budgets and cost savings/increases for four initial scenarios:

1. Forming a cooperative school district
2. Closing Stark completely
3. Closing Stratford High School (7-12)
4. Tuition Stark 1-6 to GES and have Stark become a full-day Kindergarten and Pre-School program for Groveton and Stark

After a great deal of discussion and cost comparisons over several meetings, a final option of determining the cost of forming a cooperative school district with the idea of closing Groveton

Elementary School and Stratford High School was agreed upon by the committee members. Two budgets would be created, one with Stark included in the cooperative and one without.

At the final regular meeting, the cooperative budgets were presented. The cooperative option that only included Northumberland and Stratford could result in a potential overall savings for both schools of \$1,088,093, roughly 34% of their combined budgets. Northumberland could see a potential \$686,380 savings and Stratford a \$401,713 savings. Stratford would house all K-6 students for Northumberland and Stratford and Groveton would house all 7-12 students from both communities as well as Stark.

The cooperative option that included all three communities could result in an approximate \$1,619,634 savings potentially, roughly 43% of their combined budgets. Northumberland could see a potential \$968,451 savings, Stratford a \$537,412 savings, and Stark a \$113,771 savings under this scenario.

After a great deal of debate over transportation of students, closing schools, and the impact of a formal cooperative study on staff and community morale, it was decided that the members would meet as a community independently of the committee as a whole to discuss further and bring back a final recommendation.

At the final recommendation meeting on December 1, 2008, the committee members met in the Groveton High School Library. Each community representative shared their discussions with the rest of the committee members.

Harlan Connary moved that the Long Range Planning Committee maintain the status quo at this time, which was seconded by Dan Smith. The feeling expressed by both Stark and Stratford members was that there is too much uncertainty in Northumberland at this time given the current economic conditions as well as the concern about the long-term financial commitment from the community for the schools to have the three school districts form a cooperative at this point. That does not mean that it cannot be discussed again in the future, nor does it mean that, if necessary and desirable, tuition agreements and expanded AREA Agreements could not be discussed.

After a lengthy discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of participating in a cooperative school district study, the final vote was 6-2 in favor of the motion. Voting aye: E.H. Connary, Smith, Martineau, Frizzell, Joyce, Peel. Voting no: Auger, E. Connary. Absent: Collins.

**Final Recommendation: To maintain the status quo at this time.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Ladd  
Superintendent  
SAU #58



*As we read the school reports on our children,  
we realize a sense of relief that can rise to  
delight that - thank Heaven - nobody is reporting  
in this fashion on us. – JB Priestley (1894-1984)*

## **SAU #58 Report Card**

**The State of Education in  
School Administrative Unit Number Fifty Eight**

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**January 2009**

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We have had an interesting and challenging year. We have seen the ripple effect of the closing of the Wausau paper mill throughout the local economy as other small businesses in the area have also closed or cut back on services. Coupled with the national economic woes, our communities are faced with difficult choices in the most difficult of times.

In order to respond to the economic threats facing us, and in the face of declining school enrollments and decreased state and federal funding for education, the voters approved the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee to review the long term needs of the district and to see if there was any desire or practicality in consolidating our educational efforts. After several meetings throughout the summer and fall, the committee members decided to maintain the status quo for now, with the understanding that our futures are tied together and we must continue to work together. The final report of the committee is included in the town report.

The SAU Board adopted goals in October for the school year, which focused on budgets, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development, among others. The SAU Board has adopted a new teacher evaluation and supervision model based upon Charlotte Danielson's *Framework for Teaching*, in which clear criteria for instructional practices are identified and evaluated. Teachers work with administrators in developing clear professional development goals based upon student achievement data as well as building, district, and SAU level goals. We have also continued our efforts to provide strong professional development opportunities for our staff in curriculum development and analyzing assessment data.

Each of the school boards has worked diligently to provide adequate resources for our teachers and students in order to meet the educational needs of our children. We continually struggle to ensure those resources remain adequate as federal and state mandates continue to be thrust upon local districts, and accountability standards continue to increase.

We are proud of the work that our faculties and staffs have done, and continue to do every day, for our children. As always, contact us if you have any questions about the data offered in this review or for other issues you face in supporting the children of our three communities.

Carl M. Ladd  
Superintendent of Schools  
[cladd@sau58.org](mailto:cladd@sau58.org)

| <b>SAU #58 Schools Total Enrollment</b><br><i>Source: October 1, 2008 Fall Report, NH Department of Education</i> |                                                          |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Districts</i>                                                                                                  | <i>School Enrollment (Attendance Areas &amp; Grades)</i> | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
| <i>Northumberland</i>                                                                                             | <i>Groveton Elementary (K-6)</i>                         | 200     | 194     | 188     |
|                                                                                                                   | <i>Groveton High (7-12)</i>                              | 264     | 264     | 237     |
| <i>Stark</i>                                                                                                      | <i>Stark Village School (K-6)</i>                        | 30      | 29      | 26      |
| <i>Stratford</i>                                                                                                  | <i>Stratford Public School (K-12)</i>                    | 155     | 152     | 138     |
| <i>Total</i>                                                                                                      |                                                          | 649     | 639     | 589     |

SAU #58 is composed of three school districts: Stark, Stratford, and Northumberland. The students in grades 7-12 from Stark attend Groveton High School as part of an established AREA agreement.

| <b>Percent of Special Education Students</b><br><i>Source: SAU #58 Director of Special Services</i> |                          |                         |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                                     | <b>Oct. 1, 2006 Data</b> | <b>Oct. 1 2007 Data</b> | <b>Oct. 1 2008 Data</b> |
| <i>Groveton Elementary</i>                                                                          | 13%                      | 16%                     | 14%                     |
| <i>Groveton High School</i>                                                                         | 14%                      | 14%                     | 16%                     |
| <i>Stark Village School</i>                                                                         | 30%                      | 17%                     | 12%                     |
| <i>Stratford Public School</i>                                                                      | 16%                      | 22%                     | 12%                     |

This represents the percent of students receiving special education services in each of the SAU #58 schools.

| <b>Students Per Teachers/Education Specialist/Administrators 2007-2008</b><br><i>Source: NH Dept. of Education School Enrollment Data</i> |                |                             |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                                                                                           | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Education Specialist</i> | <i>Administrator</i> |
| <i>Groveton Elem.</i>                                                                                                                     | 16.1           | 19.8                        | 188                  |
| <i>Groveton High</i>                                                                                                                      | 13.9           | 39.5                        | 158                  |
| <i>Stark Village</i>                                                                                                                      | 10.4           | 14.4                        | 26                   |
| <i>Stratford Public</i>                                                                                                                   | 6.6            | 15.7                        | 115                  |

| <b>Percent of Free and Reduced Lunch Students</b><br><i>Source: Report FY 2007-08 Free/Reduced School Lunch Eligibility NH Department of Education</i> |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                                        | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
| <i>Groveton Elementary</i>                                                                                                                             | 38.7%   | 40.4%   | 40.4%   |
| <i>Groveton High School</i>                                                                                                                            | 32.2%   | 31.7%   | 28.38%  |
| <i>Stark Village School</i>                                                                                                                            | 55.2%   | 46.2%   | 52.17%  |
| <i>Stratford Public School</i>                                                                                                                         | 56.4%   | 51.6%   | 54.18%  |
| <i>State Average</i>                                                                                                                                   | 18.2%*  | 18.9%*  | 18.5%*  |

These data are based on information gathered by the NH Department of Education. They show ratios of students to teacher, education specialists, and administrators. Education specialists include guidance counselors, librarians, special education professionals and other professionals. The administrator ratio includes principals and assistant principals.

This Free and Reduced Lunch Chart represents the percentage of students eligible to receive free and reduced lunch in each SAU #58 school. Eligibility for free lunch is based on federal income guidelines.

\*State Average Grades 1-12

### Educational Attainment for Teachers 2007-08

| District       | % Bachelor's | % Masters | % Degree Beyond Masters |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Northumberland | 68.3%        | 24.4%     | 2.4%                    |
| Stark          | 73.3%        | 23.3%     | 0%                      |
| Stratford      | 73.7%        | 26.5%     | 0%                      |
| State          | 50.5%        | 48.3%     | 0.9%                    |

Close to 100% of the professional SAU #58 staff have a Bachelor's degree or beyond. SAU #58 faculty offer the districts' students a well qualified and experienced staff.

Source: NH DOE Educational Attainment of Teachers in NH Public Schools and Public Academies, 2007-07  
Report date 4/16/2008

### Cost per Pupil by District Elementary

| Years                   | 2005-06  | 2006-07  | 2007-08* |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Groveton Elementary K-6 | \$10,904 | \$11,068 | \$12,759 |
| Stark K-6               | \$13,752 | \$15,144 | \$17,271 |
| Stratford K-8           | \$10,711 | \$13,130 | \$12,927 |
| State                   | \$10,108 | \$10,716 | TBD      |

The costs per pupil represent current expenditures less tuition and transportation costs.

\*Estimated

Preliminary 2007-08 cost per pupil

Source: Based on DOE-25 Report

### Cost Per Pupil by District High School

| Years          | 2005-06  | 2006-07  | 2007-08* |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Groveton High  | \$10,691 | \$10,823 | \$11,598 |
| Stratford High | \$18,303 | \$15,920 | \$20,562 |
| State          | \$9,431  | \$9,992  | TBD      |

### Technology Access Ratio of Students to Computers 2008-09

Source: SAU #58 Technology Committee

|        | Groveton Elementary | Groveton High | Stark Village | Stratford Public |
|--------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| School | 3                   | 3             | 2             | 2                |

Schools across SAU #58 are working to enhance student technology skills by embedding applications across the curriculum. This chart shows the number of students per computer in each school.

### Average Daily Student Attendance

| Schools                 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Groveton Elem. School   | 96%     | 96%     | 96%     |
| Groveton High School    | 96%     | 95%     | 94%     |
| Stark Village School    | 96%     | 96%     | 96%     |
| Stratford Public School | 94%     | 95%     | 95%     |

Student attendance is high and generally stable across all SAU #58 schools. Student attendance is one

determiner of statewide funding. It is also an indicator of academic achievement, as students who attend school consistently are more likely to perform better academically both on standardized tests and in their regular classes.

Source: NH Department of Education Fall Reports

### Number of External Suspensions 2004 - 2007

Source: SAU #58 School Principals

| Schools             | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Groveton Elementary | 3       | 5       | 15      |
| Groveton High       | 73      | 97      | 65      |
| Stark               | 2       | 4       | 4       |
| Stratford           | 20      | 19      | 14      |

Few incidents of suspension occur in the elementary schools of SAU #58. This chart reflects external suspensions for such things as physical force, fighting, bullying or harassment, or insubordination. In-school suspension is also used when appropriate.

## Student Dropout Rate

*Source: NH Department of Education (Reports & Statistics)*

| School                  | 2004-05 |      | 2005-06 |      | 2006-07 |      |
|-------------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| Groveton High School    | 11      | 6.3% | 1       | .6%  | 2       | 1.2% |
| Stratford Public School | 5       | 8.5% | 0       | 0%   | 0       | 0%   |
| State                   | 2,306   | 3.4% | 2,129   | 3.1% | 2,185   | 3.2% |

The student dropout rate has dropped dramatically in SAU #58 since the formation of the North Country Charter Academy. This alternative education opportunity has allowed those students who might have ordinarily dropped out of high school an extra chance in a setting that provides a learning environment focused on completing competencies in a technological setting. This is coupled with a work-study or apprenticeship component, which provides the students with real-life applications. This has been a very successful program for our students.

### Postgraduate Placement for SAU #58 Students

|                           | 2005-06 |     | 2006-07 |     | 2007-08 |     |
|---------------------------|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|
| <i>Students Attending</i> | GHS     | SPS | GHS     | SPS | GHS     | SPS |
| 4 year schools            | 33%     | 30% | 42%     | 30% | 32%     | 20% |
| 2 & 3 year schools        | 34%     | 60% | 42%     | 40% | 39%     | 60% |
| Employment                | 22%     | 10% | 15%     | 30% | 16%     | 10% |
| Armed Forces              | 2%      | 0%  | 1%      | 0%  | 9%      | 10% |
| Unaccounted for           | 9%      | 9%  | 0%      | 0%  | 2%      | 0%  |

This information is reported by the Guidance Departments using categories established by the NH Department of Education.

## Post Secondary Education for the Class of 2008

### Groveton High School

*Source: GHS Guidance Department*

|                              |                               |                           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ATI                          | Clark University              | Daniel Webster College    |
| Empire School of Cosmetology | Fayetteville State University | Husson University         |
| Liberty University           | Lyndon State College          | MMI                       |
| Murray State University      | NHTI – Concord                | University of New England |
| Wentworth University         | Wyotech                       | White Mtn. Comm. College  |

### Stratford High School

*Source: SPS Guidance Department*

|                    |                           |                         |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cornell University | Mass. College of Pharmacy | White Mt. Comm. College |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|

## SAU #58 Professional Development

Professional Development, a critical component to attaining program and school goals as well as a primary focus of the No Child Left Behind legislation, receives SAU-wide attention. The Professional Development Master Plan was submitted to the NH Department of Education in October 2007 with an emphasis on creating professional learning communities, data-driven instruction, and embedded professional development that will allow each school to research, review, and implement best practices. Our SAU is committed to providing our students with a highly qualified staff.

## Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The SAT is one of several indicators used by many colleges and universities to predict college performance. Starting with the 2005-06

| Mean Scores<br><i>Source: College Board and SAU #58 Guidance Departments</i> |         |      |         |                  |      |         |                  |      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|---------|------------------|------|---------|------------------|------|---------|
|                                                                              | 2005-06 |      |         | 2006-07          |      |         | 2007-08          |      |         |
|                                                                              | Verbal  | Math | Writing | Critical Reading | Math | Writing | Critical Reading | Math | Writing |
| <i>Groveton High</i>                                                         | 458     | 521  | 476     | 455              | 450  | 446     | 464              | 487  | 434     |
| <i>Stratford High</i>                                                        | 460     | 440  | 420     | 450              | 445  | 425     | 475              | 496  | 478     |
| <i>Nat'l Average</i>                                                         | 503     | 518  | 497     | 502              | 515  | 494     | 502              | 515  | 494     |

year the SAT now has three sections as shown in the chart above. 41% of the class of 2008 from Groveton High School and 50% of the class of 2007 from Stratford High School took the SAT.

| Adequate Yearly Progress<br><i>Source: NH Department of Education</i> |         |      |         |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|---------|------|
| <i>School</i>                                                         | 2007*   |      | 2008**  |      |
|                                                                       | Reading | Math | Reading | Math |
| <i>Groveton Elementary School</i>                                     | Yes     | No   | No      | No   |
| <i>Groveton High School (Gr. 7&amp;8)</i>                             | N/A     | N/A  | Yes     | Yes  |
| <i>Groveton High School (Gr. 9-12)</i>                                | N/A     | N/A  | Yes     | Yes  |
| <i>Stark Village School</i>                                           | Yes     | No   | Yes     | Yes  |
| <i>Stratford Public School (Gr. 3-8)</i>                              | Yes     | Yes  | Yes     | Yes  |
| <i>Stratford High School (Gr. 9-12)</i>                               | N/A     | N/A  | Yes     | Yes  |
| *Based on Fall 2006 NECAP data      **Based on Fall 2007 NECAP data   |         |      |         |      |

Adequate Yearly Progress is determined by the NH Department of Education based on guidelines developed under the No Child Left Behind Legislation. Each year students are

required to make academic progress in order for all students to be considered 100% proficient in reading and math by the year 2014. Schools that do not meet the arbitrary guidelines for two years in a row are considered "schools in need of improvement", which includes sanctions against the school and a school-wide effort to determine the root cause of the lack of achievement.

Stark Village School has been designated as a School in Need of Improvement (SINI) based on their AYP status in mathematics for the years 2006 and 2007. A consultant was hired through federal Title I funds to work with the administration and staff to determine the root causes and to develop a plan to address them. That work has been completed and a draft plan submitted to the NH Department of Education for review and approval. They are in their first year of making AYP – if they make it again this year they will no longer be identified as a SINI.

Groveton Elementary School has been identified as a SINI based on their AYP status in mathematics for the years 2007 and 2008. While the school as a whole made significant progress, the sub-group of Special Education did not make the same level of progress, therefore identifying the school as not making AYP. They have completed a process similar to Stark's and have submitted their plan for approval.

*AYP for Reading and Math was not calculated in 2007 for high schools, due to the transition from spring to fall testing.*

## New England Compact Assessment Program

New Hampshire's annual assessment in reading and mathematics is given to students in grades 3-8. This fall assessment reports how our students are performing in the reading and mathematics areas and will allow us to monitor how all children progress through our elementary and middle schools programs. Writing is assessed in grades 5 and 8. Please note that Stark's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are included in Northumberland's assessment results. *\*Stark did not have enough students to measure Grade 5 writing.*

Level 4 = Proficient with Distinction; Level 3 = Proficient; Level 2 = Partially Proficient; Level 1 – Substantially Below Proficient

### New England Compact Assessment Program 2007 Test Results

| Grades 3-8                          | Northumberland | Stark      | Stratford  | State      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Reading (% Proficient)</b>       | <b>64%</b>     | <b>74%</b> | <b>52%</b> | <b>62%</b> |
| Level 4                             | 9%             | 4%         | 4%         | 16%        |
| Level 3                             | 55%            | 70%        | 48%        | 56%        |
| Level 2                             | 25%            | 22%        | 36%        | 19%        |
| Level 1                             | 11%            | 4%         | 12%        | 9%         |
|                                     |                |            |            |            |
| <b>Mathematics (% Proficient)</b>   | <b>61%</b>     | <b>52%</b> | <b>48%</b> | <b>61%</b> |
| Level 4                             | 11%            | 0%         | 3%         | 17%        |
| Level 3                             | 50%            | 52%        | 45%        | 44%        |
| Level 2                             | 22%            | 35%        | 29%        | 20%        |
| Level 1                             | 17%            | 13%        | 23%        | 19%        |
|                                     |                |            |            |            |
| <b>Writing (Gr. 5 &amp; 8 Only)</b> | <b>41%</b>     | <b>0%*</b> | <b>29%</b> | <b>43%</b> |
| Level 4                             | 13%            | 0%         | 7%         | 9%         |
| Level 3                             | 28%            | 0%         | 22%        | 34%        |
| Level 2                             | 38%            | 0%         | 37%        | 40%        |
| Level 1                             | 22%            | 0%         | 33%        | 18%        |

## Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)

As described in the No Child Left Behind legislation, all teachers must be considered highly qualified in order to teach in schools that accept federal funding. There are a variety of methods that can be used to determine a teacher's highly qualified status. If teachers do not have the necessary degree, or have not exhibited competency through coursework and professional development, they have to complete an Alternative Certification Plan approved by the NH Department of Education. NCLB requires that districts notify parents if a teacher is not highly qualified. If you have questions about the highly qualified status of any teacher, please contact the Central Office at 636-1437.

| School                     | Are all teachers considered highly qualified according to NCLB? |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Groveton Elementary School | <b>No (General Music)</b>                                       |
| Groveton High School       | <b>No (Chorus, Physics)</b>                                     |
| Stark Village School       | <b>No (General Music)</b>                                       |
| Stratford Public School    | <b>No (Chemistry, Life Science, Physics)</b>                    |



